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If ASSIST has been proved as an effective model to tackle energy poverty



The end of H2020 should not stop its implementation



Next step: Scalability and sustainability plan

European Social Catalyst Fund



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A new initiative designed to have significant impact on some of Europe's most pressing social challenges.



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 870757.

The objective of the ESCF is to bring together public and private resources to improve social services to enable people who need support to live as valued and participating members of their communities. The ESCF will provide financial and capacity building support to develop plans to scale proven social service innovations.





Results of the ESCF Call

120 applications were received from 22 countries describing innovations relevant to all 16 social challenge areas identified in the Call. These are drawn from the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Financial and non-financial support is being offered to 7 selected organisations/consortia to develop plans to scale proven innovations across a range of challenge areas including employment, ageing, homelessness, mental health, migrants, digital inclusion, and ecological and social transition. Plans will be developed for these innovations in a total of 17 countries, 8 of which are CEECs. It is intended that 9 of the 17 countries will have plans developed to scale more than one innovation.

SUITE- Scaling Up Innovation Together for Energy Vulnerability

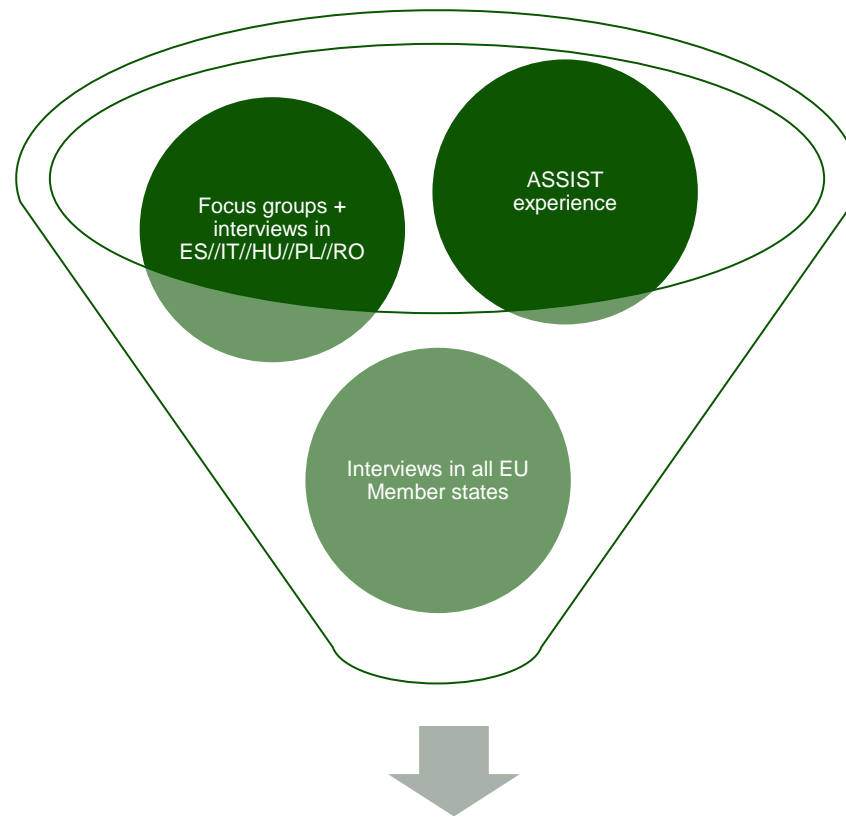


What is SUITE?

Objective: design a strategy to scale up a proven social innovation (the ASSIST model) aimed at reducing Energy Poverty through social operators.

5 Scalability plans will be design, each one adapted to the specific local context. The Scalability models will be built on:

- (1) the existing evidence, obtained by the implementation of the ASSIST project.
- (2) the conduction of local focus groups and interviews with key stakeholders of the territory
- (3) further literature and other existing initiatives and best practices.



SUITE Scalability plan

Goals

Build a European common umbrella.

Ensure the sustainability of the ASSIST model.

Enforce the National models and ensure their sustainability.

Reach as many professionals as possible.

Involve the private sector.

What to Scale?

The national network of trained advisors.

Training and delivery support.

Working area, tools and resources for the advisors.

A European umbrella network

Strategy

Learn from the many experiences in different contexts

Involving different actors, from a higher for influencing policy change and from community level to create the momentum for systemic change

Build a delivery network both at EU and local level.

Bringing together interested people and organisations, facilitating connections and providing tools and support for implementation

Know how

We have the technical skills and knowledge.

We have the training resources and tools for the actions of the HEAs.

We have the training platform.

We have tested evidence of the model.

We count with local stakeholders with the knowledge and information on the countries.

We lack the financial part.

People and governance

Shared leadership (Ecoserveis and Aisfor)

We count with Energy consultants and experts in EU funding on EP (project partners)

The stakeholders need to be aware of EP and play their key role in tackling it.

We need to build the EU and national networks – governance need to be defined

Accountability and financial system needs to be defined.

Reputation and Effectiveness

ASSIST project proved the goodness of the model.

Positive results of ASSIST (ESE, VEF data, N° of trained HEAs and assisted users)

ASSIST is quoted in many European documents

ASSIST brand is linked to H2020, we need to define the future branding.

Physical Resources

We have the resources of the ESCF for designing the Scalability Plan – but, We need to define what we will do next.

Demand (vulnerable consumers and their operators) and Supply are clear and can be matched.

We have evidence on existing public and private resources for Energy Poverty – but, we need to attract them.

Business Model and Money

There is evidence of sufficient demand, there is an increasing number of vulnerable consumers in Europe.

The supply depends on the interest of operators to provide energy support to their users.

We need to understand who other similar mechanisms work across Europe.

We need to build a Business Model for having a sustainable model.

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Public- Private mechanisms as a solution

Eva Suba from Climate Alliance, what can be the role of municipalities in fighting energy poverty and how can the ASSIST model be taken up by municipalities?

More about SUITE...

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