

Call under ESF+ SI+ Initiative “Innovative Approaches Tackling Long-Term Unemployment”

The list of signed Grant Agreements with beneficiaries

No	Application number	Project title and acronym	Coordinator	Country of the Coordinator	Beneficiaries (name and country)	Associated partners (name and country)
1.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0013	Reviving Local Rural Employment Through Decent Work (RuralRevive)	Future In Perspective Limited (FIP)	Ireland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Emporiko Kai Viomichaniko Epimelitirio Herakliou (Chamber of Commerce and Industry Heraklion) (HCCI), Greece Εκπαιδευτική Αναπτυξιακή Πλοηγός (Educational Development Company Ploigos) (PLOIGOS), Greece Monaghan Integrated Development CLG (MID), Ireland Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD), Ireland 	-
	Grant amount, Euro					
	2,835,750					
	Duration (months)					
	36					

Project summary

RuralRevive aims to address rural long-term unemployment amongst persons aged 45+ by creating sustainable, context-specific framework that integrates a guaranteed 12-months of employment with inclusive employment practices, skill development, and a robust employment subsidy scheme for employers. The objectives of the project are to encourage local employers to hire LTU individuals through an Employment Subsidy Scheme that covers minimum wage for 12 months, supplemented by a 30% wage top-up. This reduces economic risk for businesses and ensures stable employment for LTU jobseekers. To avail of this scheme, businesses will be trained in age-diverse hiring, skill adaptation, and workplace accommodations through mandatory workshops led by Employment Support Officers. This prepares workplaces to integrate older LTU workers effectively and ensures long-term commitment to inclusive employment practices. The project will also ensure LTU individuals receive meaningful and decent work through the Guaranteed Job Placement Scheme which guarantees 12 months employment. Continued support will be provided if contracts are not extended, increasing their chances of finding new employment & enhancing long-term employability. To support these jobseekers, the project will offer individual support to LTU jobseekers, including 1-to-1 coaching, personalised work-readiness plans, and ongoing assistance. This support spans the weeks prior to employment & continues during their employment, ensuring successful transition into the workforce & long-term employability. Through this, RuralRevive directly aligns with the LTU Call's focus on innovative approaches to reducing long-term unemployment by integrating proven models such as Austria's MAGMA and V/Faktor initiatives and adapting them to rural contexts. The project emphasises voluntary participation, tailored interventions, and a collaborative approach involving diverse stakeholders, which are all key aspects of addressing LTU effectively.

Expected results:

1. Develop a sustainable solution to address long-term unemployment in rural areas, with a specific focus on individuals aged 45 and over.
2. Employ 60 long-term unemployed in Greece and 40 in Ireland.
3. Engage 30 employers to actively participate in the project.
4. Ensure that 50% of the employed long-term unemployed receive contract extensions following the project's completion.

Social innovation scaled up:

The [MAGMA](#) and [V/Faktor](#) initiatives from Austria.

Social Innovation Initiative

No	Application number	Project title and acronym	Coordinator	Country of the Coordinator	Beneficiaries (name and country)	Associated partners (name and country)
2.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0015	Ro(o)tation – sustainable integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market through financial education and psychotherapeutically supported mental wellbeing leading to social inclusion (Ro(o)tation)	Fundacja Innowacja i Wiedza (FIIW)	Poland	1. Didaxé Cooperativa Sociale a R.L. (DIDAXE), Italy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Akademia WSB (WSB), Poland 2. Sysco Polska Sp. z o.o. (SYSCO), Poland 3. British Polish Chamber of Commerce (BPCC), Poland 4. Itinerari Paralleli Srl Impresa Sociale (IP), Italy 5. Centro per l'Impiego di Caserta (Caserta Job Centre) (CPI-Caserta), Italy 6. Arcipelago Caserta APS (ARCIPELAGO), Italy 7. 012factory Spa Società Benefit (012factory), Italy 8. Fundacja Obiektywna (FO), Poland 9. Education Office in Warsaw (Education Office), Poland 10. Stowarzysze nie Pomocy i Interwencji Społecznej (SPiIS), Poland
	Grant amount, Euro					
	1,660,789					
	Duration (months)					
	36					

Project summary

RO(O)TATION project, running for 36 months, will provide complex support to long-term unemployed individuals in Poland (Piaseczno) and Italy (Caserta) – medium-sized municipalities with populations ranging from 45 000-75 000, located near metropolitan areas such as Warsaw and Naples, which have between 1,5-3 million inhabitants. Through RO(O)TATION, 120 long-term unemployed will be supported with psychotherapy, employment sustainability coaching and financial education. 60 people will receive an average of 12 months of full-time subsidised employment, including at least 40 people on the autism spectrum for which job carving activities will be implemented by different employers consisting of “ROOTED ROOFTOP” employment communities in CASERTA and Piaseczno. The RO(O)TATION project will be based on tailored support and guidance for long-term unemployed. Employment providers will be selected and assigned to individuals based on psychotherapy results. This will be facilitated by a broad network of associated partners developing this social innovation in line with the Quadruple Helix Model. This model was chosen due to RO(O)TATION's special focus on individuals on the autism spectrum, who require tailored support and job positions adapted to their specific needs.

These needs are characterised by differences in behaviour, communication, social interactions, and cognitive function. Strong international cooperation between partners will bring sense of belonging and learning opportunities for long-term unemployed through exchanges with local initiatives and other projects, as well as the sharing of Polish – Italian best practices. The long-term unemployed will be supported through:

- Individual psychotherapy,
- Group psychotherapy,
- Financial education,
- Employment sustainability coaching,
- Local employability support meetings,
- Subsidised employment,
- Job carving opportunities focused on individuals on the autism spectrum.

Expected results:

1. Support 120 long-term unemployed – 60 in Piaseczno, Poland, and 60 in Caserta, Italy.
2. Facilitate the reintegration of 40 long-term unemployed individuals on the autism spectrum into the labour market.
3. Provide full individual psychotherapy to 120 long-term unemployed participants.
4. Deliver specialised, targeted financial education to 120 long-term unemployed individuals.

Social innovation scaled up:

The [Basisbaan programme](#) from the Netherlands, the [Territoires Zéro Chômeur de Longue Durée \(TZCLD\)](#) initiative from France and [MAGMA](#) programme from Austria.

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3.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0019	Food Unity and Skills Empowerment (FUSE)	Roscommon Integrated Development Company Limited By Guarantee (ROSCOMMON)	Ireland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drumshanbo Community Council Company Limited by Guarantee (The Food Hub), Ireland 2. Centro de Formación de Administración y Hostelería S.L. (CDEA), Spain 3. Asociación De Empresarios De Hosteleria De Gipuzkoa (AEHG), Spain 4. Fondazione Luigi Clerici (FLC), Italy 5. New Edu, n.o. (New Edu), Slovakia 6. Vidiecky parlament mladých na Slovensku (VPMS), Slovakia 7. Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi (USGM), Italy 8. GI GROUP SPA (GI Group), Italy 	-
	Grant amount, Euro					
	2,882,480					
	Duration (months)					
	36					

Project summary

FUSE targets regions with strong traditions in shared kitchen incubation and significant labour shortages in the food sector. Our social innovation goal is to create a transformative framework that integrates the Shared Kitchen Incubator model with proven elements of subsidised jobs programs, promoting innovative pathways to stable employment in the food sector in Roscommon and Leitrim (Ireland), Lombardy (Italy), Nitra and national (Slovakia) and Gipuzkoa province (Spain). By offering practical training and creating job opportunities through an innovative subsidised job program, FUSE aims to address long-term unemployment in areas where demand for skilled workers is high. FUSE aims to generate lasting impact in the following areas: – Employment and Skill Development: FUSE will equip participants with practical culinary and food industry skills, giving them the confidence and abilities needed to secure stable employment in a sector where skilled labour is in demand. – Capacity Building for Local Entities: Local employment agencies, businesses and community organisations will strengthen their ability to address workforce gaps. By aligning training with the specific needs of the food industry, FUSE will improve job placements and enhance collaboration among local stakeholders, creating a supportive ecosystem. – Economic and Social Impact: FUSE will reduce unemployment by filling labour shortages in the food sector via 120 subsidised work placements and 600 receiving upskilling in in-demand areas.

Expected results:

1. Involve 600 long-term unemployed individuals in training activities, distributed equally across Italy, Ireland, Slovakia, and Spain.
2. Provide subsidised employment opportunities for 120 long-term unemployed individuals, equally across the four countries.
3. Establish 100 business partnerships to support employment and training efforts.

Social innovation scaled up:

The Shared Kitchen Incubator model from the [‘Food Incubators Transforming Regions’](#) project and the [Territoires Zéro Chômeur de Longue Durée \(TZCLD\)](#) initiative from France.

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4.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0023	Unlocking the Potential of social FARMing for inclusive, sustainable, and regenerative jobs against long-term unemployment (UPFARM)	ANCI Toscana	Italy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Università di Pisa – Dipartimento di Scienze Veterinarie (UNIFI), Italy 2. Regione Toscana (TR), Italy 3. Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale (IRS), Italy 4. Fondazione Solidarietà Caritas ETS (CARITAS), Italy 5. CALAFATA Soc. Cooperativa Agricola Sociale (CALAFATA), Italy 6. ARNERA Soc. Cooperativa Sociale (ARNERA), Italy 7. Comune di Capannori (CAP), Italy 8. Società della Salute della Valdinievole (VALD), Italy 9. Società della Salute Fiorentina Sud-Est (FIORSE), Italy 10. Società della Salute zona pisana (PISA), Italy 11. Impact Hub GmbH (IH), Austria 12. Reseau ASTRA (ASTRA), France 13. Ερευνητική οργάνωση για τα κοινά και τις ομότιμες πρακτικές (P2P), Greece 14. Zavod republike Slovenije za zaposlovanje (ESS), Slovenia 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ARTI – Tuscany Regional Agency for Employment (ARTI), Italy
	Grant amount, Euro					
	2,808,370					
	Duration (months)					
	36					

Project summary

UPFARM aims to unlock the potential of social farming (SF) for creating inclusive, sustainable and regenerative jobs in Tuscany, addressing the unique needs of the long-term unemployed (LTUs). Leveraging promising yet still isolated SF initiatives in Tuscany, we aim to create an enabling infrastructure of knowledge, capacities, working tools and participatory governance that can upscale these initiatives as a regional strategic asset for quality employment, able to boost job inclusion and empowerment of LTUs and vulnerable people while supporting the sustainable development of local food and agriculture systems. Our scaling strategy involves establishing 4 territorial living labs – 2 frontrunners and 2 followers – in distinct areas of Tuscany. Drawing on transnational co-creation and successful cases of LTUs inclusion in SF from other EU countries, the Labs will work as quadruple-helix local alliances, strengthening their collaborative capacity, placing LTUs' needs at the centre, and empowering them as 'innovation carriers' within local SF enterprises. Through experimental forms of co-governance, capacity building, co-design of personalised support, and novel job placement paths, the labs will drive UPFARM's scaling efforts. They will work as 'lighthouses' of how SF can catalyse meaningful job opportunities for vulnerable people, developing the approaches and tools which will be first tested within the frontrunner labs, then transferred and upscaled to the follower Labs, and lastly systematised as guidelines and protocols of intervention for full scaling across the Region. Transnational co-creation will not only enhance the labs' effectiveness but also seek to influence policy making and drive innovation at the EU level. Beyond realising 40 job placements, UPFARM shall leave a lasting legacy, equipping stakeholders with the tools and approaches needed to scale SF across new territories, boost cultures of true inclusivity, and influence institutional decision-making.

Expected results:

1. Support at least 40 long-term unemployed in Tuscany through structured job placement pathways in Social Farming, with 20 participants engaged in frontrunner labs and 20 in follower labs.
2. Design and implement 40 individualised job inclusion projects and pacts, tailored to each participant's needs.
3. Establish two fully operational Co-Governance Hubs and Living Labs to facilitate participatory, transdisciplinary, and transnational co-creation of tools and approaches for job inclusion.
4. Create a transnational Community of Practice involving 10 or more European stakeholders in job inclusion and social innovation, promoting knowledge exchange and mutual learning.

Social innovation scaled up:

The [Social Farming \(SF\)](#) model.

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5.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0036	Rebuilding Careers through a Proven Collaborative Ecosystem Model (ReConnect)	Cruz Roja Española (Spanish Red Cross) (SRC)	Spain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Croix-Rouge Francaise (French Red Cross), France 2. Croix-Rouge Insertion (CRI), France 3. Polski Czerwony Krzyz (Polish Red Cross) (PCK), Poland 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voivodeship Labour Office In Kraków (WUP), Poland 2. Agence Interdépartementale d'Insertion Hauts De-Seine & Yvelines Activity (Agence Activity), France 3. Groupement d'Intérêt Public Agence Interdépartementale de l'Autonomie (Agence Autonomy), France
	Grant amount, Euro					
	2,030,745					
	Duration (months)					
	36					

Project summary

The project seeks to address long-term unemployment (LTU) by transferring and adapting the Spanish Red Cross's successful employment activation model to Yvelines in France and Małopolska in Poland. It leverages proven methodologies, including the Challenge +45 program for those over 45 and the TandEM model for younger participants, integrating these into local ecosystems in collaboration with public and private sector stakeholders, public employment services and social organisations. The core goal is to establish comprehensive local support systems that address both the employment and social needs of LTU individuals. This will be achieved by combining personalised case management, targeted skills and transversal training and creating sustainable employment pathways. The focus will be on sectors with significant workforce shortages, particularly the social care sector, providing meaningful work and growth opportunities for LTU individuals while addressing crucial community needs. By filling gaps in the care sector, the project not only improves employment outcomes for participants but also strengthens the availability and quality of essential services for vulnerable populations, benefiting the wider community. The project begins with a pilot phase to test the adapted models, followed by full implementation. Participants will receive individualised support to overcome employment barriers, such as lack of qualifications, motivation, or access to services. By addressing both social and employment-related needs, the project will equip participants with the necessary skills and confidence to re-enter the labour market. Aligned with the EU's social innovation and employment inclusion goals, the project addresses gaps in existing LTU approaches, particularly for older workers and vulnerable groups. Its tailored, region-specific interventions offer a replicable model that promotes social inclusion, reduces unemployment, and fosters economic resilience and well-being.

Expected results:

1. By the end of the project, 90 individuals (30 in Poland and 60 in France) will be successfully re-integrated into the labor market with salaried positions.
2. 90% of LTU participants are expected to obtain official accreditation, based on a baseline of 100 individuals.
3. 70% of LTU participants are expected to transition to the mainstream labour market, based on a baseline of 65 individuals.
4. A total of 30 institutions, with 15 from each country, will be actively engaged in the project's ecosystem

Social innovation scaled up:

The [Challenge +45](#) and [TandEM](#) initiatives from Spain.

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6.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0042	Skills to Employment: Training and Job Placement for Long-Term Unemployed Women (SKILLS2EMPLOYMENT)	Fundación Santa María La Real del Patrimonio Histórico (FSMLR)	Spain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'CARDET' Centre for the Advancement of Research & Development in Educational Technology Limited (CARDET), Cyprus CESIE ENTE TERZO SETTORE (CESIE ETS), Italy Ινστιτούτο Εργασίας Κύπρου Παγκύπριας Εργατικής Ομοσπονδίας (ΠΕΟ) / Cyprus Labour Institute of the Pancyprian Federation of Labour (PEO), Cyprus ASCOT RISTORAZI ONE SRL (ASCOT), Italy Confesercent i Provinciale di Palermo (Confesercent i PA), Italy 	-
Grant amount, Euro						
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Duration (months)						
36						

Project summary

The project aims to facilitate the transition of long-term unemployed women into the job market in Spain, Italy and Cyprus. Women dedicated to caregiving face significant challenges when returning to the job market, including gaps in their professional experience, outdated skills, and a lack of recognition for the valuable expertise developed while caring for their families. Fundación Santa María la Real has been developing successful employment initiatives since 2013. The project aims to scale up a combination of these methodologies to facilitate the transition of long-term unemployed women into the labour market by transferring their life experiences into the workplace. It will be achieved through social experimentation, testing this approach at the international level. By focusing on women with prior experience in informal caregiving roles, including single parents, older women, and younger women, the project seeks to address their specific needs and bridge the gap between their existing skills and labour market demands, improving their economic independence and social inclusion. The project also aims to research and map women's long-term unemployment, identifying key challenges and opportunities to help provide an individualised, accessible, and inclusive approach through personalised training and guidance. Additionally, the project seeks to encourage cooperation with local employment stakeholders, fostering partnerships between local employers and communities to create job opportunities across various sectors. It will also build the capacity of social inclusion professionals and stakeholders, contributing sustainable solutions for reducing long-term unemployment and fostering a more inclusive labour market. Through active involvement, these stakeholders will help disseminate, scale up, and share innovative methodologies across regions, ensuring broader impact and sustainability beyond the project's lifecycle.

Expected results:

- Support at least 100 long-term unemployed women through participation in transversal training programmes, enhancing their employability and job-readiness skills.
- Provide targeted support and job-matching services to 50 selected women (20 in Italy, 20 in Cyprus, and 10 in Spain), enabling their transition into employment in high-demand sectors.
- Ensure up to 12 months of employment for 50 women across Spain, Italy, and Cyprus, contributing to workforce stability and social inclusion.
- Increase participants' competence levels by at least 60% and achieve a 70% satisfaction rate among participants and employers.
- Strengthen the capacity of participating organisations by training 6 professionals through Train-the-Trainers programmes and 150 through a MOOC, and establishing at least 15 cooperation agreements with public and private stakeholders.
- Develop and validate a scalable and replicable employment model for tackling long-term unemployment among women, adaptable to other regions and contexts.

Social innovation scaled up:

The proven Spanish methodologies "Entrena Empleo," "Empleando el Cuidado," "PEMICYL," and "Lanzaderas" will be adapted, combined, and scaled up into a new co-created international model across Spain, Italy, and Cyprus.

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7.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0052	A.LL.D. Project: enrichment, transfer and scale up of an Innovative Labour Insertion Model (A.LL.D)	Fundació LaFACT Factoria Social de Terrassa (FUPAR)	Spain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Alaturi de Voi Romania Foundation (ADV), Romania Koinonikos Synetairismos Periorismenis Efthisis To.Ps.Y. N.Axaias Faros (FAROS), Greece COSVITEC soc. cons. a r. l. (COSVITEC), Italy Foment de Terrassa, SA (FOMENT), Spain Tandem Social SCCL (TS), Spain Social Cooperative of Limited Liability "Ev Zin" (EVZIN), Greece The IASI Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIASI), Romania Cambra Oficial de Comerç, Indústria i Serveis de Terrassa/Chamber of Commerce, industry and Services of Terrassa (CCTerr), Spain Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Spain 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ergastiri Eidakis Agogis Margarita (MARGARITA), Greece Social Administration Research Laboratory – University of West Attica (UNIWA), Greece Romanian Network of Social Economy (RISE), Romania Provincia Di Salerno (PROVINCIA DI SALERNO), Italy Social Economy Europe (SEE), Belgium Iasi City Hall (MIASI), Romania Università degli Studi di Napoli Parthenope (UNIPARTHENOPE), Italy Cooperativa Sociale Il Tulipano (TULIPANO), Italy Suggestioni Campanie Promotion (CONFIMI CAMPANIA), Italy Fundació Cecot Persona i Treball (CECOT), Spain Federació Empresa d'Economia Social Dincat (DINCAT), Spain
	Grant amount, Euro					
	2,968,055					
	Duration (months)					
	36					

Project summary

The project's title is A.LL.D, an acronym in Catalan for Long-Term Unemployment, the name given to the mother project that is currently operating and being developed in Catalonia. The project aims to increase the employability and employment of long-term unemployed people with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, and mental health disorders across 4 European countries: Spain, Italy, Greece, and Romania. By improving and systematising the innovative Labor Insertion Model of FUPAR, the project will provide tailored solutions to meet the specific socioeconomic and cultural needs of each region.

The project will scale up this model and transfer it to various stakeholders, including local associations, public administration, private enterprises, and academic institutions, through a collaborative approach. Key objectives include adapting the model to local needs, enhancing the capacity of actors within the quadruple helix, and developing an open-access digital interactive tool that will generate customised action plans for labour insertion services. This tool will ensure scalability and sustainability beyond the project's timeframe. The project's activities will foster cross-border collaboration, create local alliances, and improve the employment situation of the target group, contributing to their social and economic well-being. The model's scalability will enable its replication across Europe, creating a lasting impact on employment systems.

Expected results:

- Long-term unemployed individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, and mental health conditions—by increasing the employability and employment of 175 people, with at least 83 hired directly.
- The innovative Labor Insertion Model will be scaled up and transferred to four different social contexts, strengthening civil society, particularly by empowering local labour insertion associations.

Social innovation scaled up:

The **Labour Insertion Model** of FUPAR.

No	Application number	Project title and acronym	Coordinator	Country of the Coordinator	Beneficiaries (name and country)	Associated partners (name and country)
8.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0054	Supported Employment for Reducing Long-Term Unemployment among Persons with Disabilities (SUPPORT)	European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)	Belgium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundación Intermedia (Intermedia), Spain 2. Ergastiri Eidakis Agogis Margarita (MARGARITA), Greece 3. Association for Supported Employment Europe (EUSE), Belgium 4. Alaturi de Voi Romania Foundation (ADV Romania), Romania 5. Synkroon (Synkroon), Belgium 6. Association Europeenne pour la Democratie Locale (ALDA), France 7. Spanish Supported Employment Association (AESE), Spain 8. URIHO – Ustanova za profesionalnu rehabilitaciju i zapošljavanje osoba s invaliditetom (URIHO – ZAGREB), Croatia 9. Out of the Box International (OTB), Belgium 10. Gespecialiseerd Team Bemiddeling (GTB), Belgium 11. European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR), Belgium 12. FunkWeb Kompetanse (FunkWeb), Norway 13. Zentrum für Sozialwirtschaft GmbH (ZfSW), Austria 14. Zero Project ESSL Foundation MGE gemeinnützige Privatstiftung (Zero Project), Austria 15. Associazione Italiana Per l'Assistenza Agli Spastici Provincia Di Bologna (AIAS Bologna), Italy 	-
	Grant amount, Euro					
	2,495,837					
	Duration (months)					
	36					

Project summary

The project addresses the persistent issue of long-term unemployment (LTU) among persons with disabilities (PwD) in the open labour market (OLM). PwD face significant employment barriers, with unemployment durations 40-50% longer than non-disabled individuals. The project aims to transform the situation by scaling up and transferring socially innovative Supported Employment (SE) practices across various EU regions, focusing on immediate job placement and ongoing support. These practices, proven effective in countries like Austria and Belgium, offer tailored solutions for PwD, including job coaching, employer training, and continuous support for retention on the labour market. It will build capacity to various stakeholders including employers, local authorities, employment agencies, and service providers for PwD to ensure long term employment to most vulnerable groups on the labour market. The project supports the European Disability Employment Package and the European Pillar of Social Rights by addressing gaps in employment services and employer engagement. Target groups include PwD in LTU, service providers for PwD, employers, employment agencies and local employment authorities. The project's main objectives are gathering data on employment landscapes, reducing employment barriers through training, fostering partnerships among key local employment actors, sharing best practices & mutual learning. The long-term goal is to integrate SE into regional policies and establish sustainable employment solutions, benefitting both PwD and employers. The project's innovative approach also promotes inclusivity in the workforce and ensures PwD have access to meaningful and sustained employment. Collaboration between stakeholders and continuous support will allow PwD to overcome employment challenges, fostering a more inclusive labour market. The project will measure success through increased employment rates of PwD and improved collaboration among service providers and employers.

Expected results:

1. Employ 130 LTU persons with disabilities in the open labour market.
2. Engage 160 employers in inclusive employment practices.
3. Involve 160 employment agencies.
4. Mobilise 120 service providers specialising in support for persons with disabilities.

Social innovation scaled up:

The Supported Employment (SE) model from Eastern Styria, Austria, along with the [Change4Inclusion](#) practice.

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9.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0064	Bridges to Employment – Empowering through sustainable career pathways (BRIDGES)	Gesellschaft für soziale Unternehmensberatung mbH (gsub mbH)	Germany	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senatsverwaltung für Arbeit, Soziales, Gleichstellung, Integration, Vielfalt und Antidiskriminierung (SenASGIVA), Germany 2. ÖSB Social Innovation gemeinnützige GmbH (ÖSB SI), Austria 3. itworks Personalservice & Beratung gemeinnützige GmbH (ITW), Austria 4. Ballymun Job Centre Co-Operative Society Limited (BJC), Ireland 5. Città Metropolitana di Bologna (CM), Italy 6. AECA – Associazione Emiliano Romagna Centri Autonomi (AECA), Italy 7. Quality Culture SRLS (QC), Italy 8. National University of Ireland Maynooth (NUIM), Ireland 9. Goldnetz gemeinnützige Gesellschaft für Arbeit, Soziales und Bildung mbH (Goldnetz gGmbH), Germany 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arbeitsmarktservice Niederösterreich (AMS NÖ), Austria 2. Berliner Arbeitslosenzentrum evangelischer Kirchenkreise e.V. (BALZ), Germany 3. City of Dublin Education and Training Board (City of Dublin ETB), Ireland 4. INTREO Centre Department of Social Protection (DSP), Ireland
	Grant amount, Euro					
	2,742,522					
	Duration (months)					
	36					

Project summary

BRIDGES aims to adapt and transfer elements of successfully tested approaches to meet the specific needs of hard-to-integrate Long Term Unemployed, identified in the Regions of Berlin (DE), Vienna (AT), Bologna (IT) and Dublin (IE).

The partnership is composed by public and private organisations that bring valued competences and experience, both in countries that have experienced subsidised employment measures and in countries where these haven't taken place: BRIDGES is politically steered by the Land Berlin through SenASIGVA, having led the SBI measure while OSB has taken part in the MAGMA program in Austria. The BJC and AECA with its local partners bring in important experiences in active labour market successful measures, targeted, holistic and employment led which will benefit the experiences.

BRIDGES builds upon systematic transnational exchange and peer learning: by fostering continuous mutual learning among organisations, staff, and through communities of practice, innovative employment measures will be tailored to local contexts. Participation of civil society actors and building new relationships between public, private and third sector entities will generate an input of improved services and policies.

The pilots will be basing upon previous experiences but integrated with the most suitable elements to address specific local needs emerged, like the integration of persons with disabilities and health issues, younger LTU, women. Their results will be part of a deep and wide program of capitalisation, capacity building and policy practice dialogue, fostering further mainstreaming, transfer and scalability of the social innovations tested.

Expected results:

1. Support 60 to 100 long-term unemployed (LTU) individuals across Ireland, Germany, Austria, and Italy through tailored pre-employment and subsidised employment pathways, with a focus on vulnerable subgroups such as people with disabilities or health issues, women with caregiving responsibilities, and at-risk youth.
2. Train 40 employment coaches and 40 company mentors to provide person-centred support before, during, and after job placements.
3. Engage 40 to 60 local organisations and employment providers in the design and delivery of inclusive labour market interventions.

Social innovation scaled up:

The **Solidarity Basic Income (SBI)** from Germany and **MAGMA** from Austria.

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10.	ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01-0066	Advancing Women's employment in the Agri-food sector through Re-skilling and Empowerment (AWARE)	Cesie Ente Del Terzo Settore (CESIE ETS)	Italy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Confesercenti Provinciale di Palermo (Confesercenti PA), Italy Fundación Santa María La Real (FSMLR), Spain Food Service Project S.A (FSP), Spain Symplexis (Symplexis), Greece Akmi Monopros Opi Anonimi Ekpaidefti Ki Etairia (AKMI), Greece Agricultural & Environmental Solutions Private Company (AGENSO), Greece CSI (CSI), Cyprus To Pervoli Tou Theodorou Ltd (PETH), Cyprus Pro Arbeit – Kreis Offenbach – (AöR) – Municipal Jobcenter (Pro Arbeit), Germany 	-
	Grant amount, Euro					
	1,286,008					
	Duration (months)					
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Project summary

The AWARE project aims to reduce long-term unemployment (LTU) among disadvantaged women (primarily migrants, victims of gender-based violence, mothers in rural areas) by upscaling the Rural Social Innovation (RSI) model retrieved from the successful experience of the InnovAgroWoMed project and enriching it with a tailored gender-sensitive approach. Based on the collaboration of an international partnership including employment actors, vocational education and training (VET), research, public and non-profit entities, AWARE aims to foster sustainable and fair employment conditions for women, and their social inclusion via community collaboration. LTU women in vulnerable situations will benefit from personalised educational and employment paths, to facilitate their re-integration in the labour market and career advancement opportunities, while gaining knowledge on support systems available. The early involvement of key target groups will foster the identification of the local needs across 4 European countries and the creation of local multistakeholder collaborations. Thus, min. 80 LTU women will be trained through an individualised counselling approach and granted with subsidised employment opportunities in selected agri-food businesses. Regular coaching sessions between employees – employers will accompany these employment paths, fostering inclusive and welcoming working places. Moreover, a framework for gender-sensitive working environments will be co-created with the involvement of gender experts, LTU women, and employment actors, to promote female workers' competitiveness, enhance inclusiveness and accessibility in the labour market, thus contributing to reducing existing gender disparities. Finally, several activities and channels (e.g. digital platform, promotional videos, final events, social media) will contribute to raising awareness about the challenges addressed and the solutions proposed by AWARE, thus supporting future exploitation and a lasting impact.

Expected results:

- Train and employ 80 long-term unemployed (LTU) women across Italy, Spain, Greece, and Cyprus.
- Secure 15 collaboration agreements with key stakeholders.
- Develop the AWARE training course and accompanying handbook for vocational education and training (VET) professionals, designed to support the inclusion of vulnerable groups—particularly women—into the labour market.

Social innovation scaled up:

The Rural Social Innovation (RSI) model from the 'InnovAgroWoMed' project will be scaled up, enriched with a gender-sensitive approach inspired by the [PITCH](#) model.