

## +RESILIENT- Mediterranean Open RESouRcEs for Social Innovation of SocialLy ResponsIve ENTERprises

### POLICY COMMITMENT

Project +RESILIENT puts together a 4-helix partnership of eight MED countries to tackle the need for innovation conducive to increased socially responsive competitiveness of SMEs and stimulate new jobs, especially for companies operating in the social economy. It aims to kick-start a process of policy change at regional level in the involved areas resulting in the integration of successful elements into the new Cohesion policy (EU2020+).

The overall objective is to positively influence, adapt/change the different structural elements of policy governing "clusters with high social vocation and responsiveness" (SVRC) by leveraging on innovation dynamics led by technology, open data & successful models with social relevance & impact, creating socially-responsive value chains at a transnational level.

Furthermore, within the project, the concept of the Regional Center for the Development of Social Innovation - ReCeD'Istria was developed, and several activities, related to the development of social innovation and social entrepreneurship in Istrian County, were carried out. Among other things, the first "School of Social Innovation" was implemented, and were implemented 2 pilot programs in cooperation with the University of Juraj Dobrila in Pula - Faculty of Economics and Tourism "Dr. Mijo Mirković" and the Technical Faculty in Pula. In cooperation with the Public Institution Regional coordinator for European Programmes and funds of the Region of Istria were organized two educational cycles: "Measurement and Management of Social Impact" and "Testing and Validation of Social Entrepreneurship". Furthermore, in cooperation with the Regional coordinator the first "Days of Social Entrepreneurship and Social innovation in Istria" in 7 cities of the Istrian County and the first "Fair of Social Enterprises" were organized.

One of the most important activities and achievements of this project are the "Public Policy Proposal to support the development of social innovation and social entrepreneurship in Istria" and the formation and holding of the initial meeting of the informal Istrian network of social entrepreneurs, support institutions, organizations, and people. Steps and responsibilities for the first quarter of the implementation of activities based on the developed public policy proposal were agreed at the meeting.

Furthermore, ReCeD'Istria is included in the Development Plan of the Region of Istria 2021-2027. and in front of the Foundation for partnership and civil society development will be a dedicated entity that will coordinate the further implementation of activities aimed at supporting the development of social innovation and social entrepreneurship in Istria in cooperation with a number of different stakeholders.

### Project partners

