



European Social Innovation Research

Discussion of findings
of the TEPSIE project and future agendas
for social innovation research

————— **Research Conference and Colloquium** —————

Centre for Social Investment
University of Heidelberg
October 1-2, 2013

FINAL PROGRAMME

The conference will present and discuss the findings of the TEPSIE research project at the halfway point through its three year duration (read more on <http://www.tepsie.eu/>), as well as the overall direction of social innovation research in Europe.

Please find all deliverables of the TEPSIE project here:
<http://www.tepsie.eu/index.php/publications>

For the half-baked thoughts of our team and friends and colleagues,
please check out our blog: <http://www.siresearch.eu/>

TEPSIE has now reached its half-way mark and it is time to share the preliminary findings and receive input for the second stage of the project from trusted and highly regarded social innovation researchers from all over Europe. Equally, with a number of other social innovation projects under the Seventh Framework Programme also reaching their half-way mark and new projects set to kick off in the autumn, now is the ideal time to take a step back and address the bigger picture: the overall direction of social innovation research in Europe.

We look forward to welcoming you to two inspiring days.

Venue

Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg (IWH)
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Final Programme

Day one: 1 October 2013

8.30 am Registration

9.00 am Welcome by Dr. Volker Then, Managing Director, CSI

TEPSIE – WHERE DO WE STAND. WHERE DO WE GO?

9.15 am The TEPSIE project – major milestones and look ahead
Jeremy Millard, DTI

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For more information please see www.tepsie.eu or our blog www.siresearch.eu

9.30 am TEPSIE – Why does this interest the EU and how are
research projects connected?
Heiko Prange-Gstöhl, DG Research & Innovation, European
Commission

TEPSIE is one of a series of FP7 research projects in social innovation launched by DG RESEARCH over the last few years, and new projects are scheduled to start later this year and early next year, as well as under the auspices of the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme which commences in 2014. What is the overall research and policy agenda for social innovation at European level and as supported by the European Commission, and how do these projects fit into these developments?

TEPSIE – DISCUSSION OF TEPSIE FINDINGS

9.45 am *Defining social innovation: Towards a common European
understanding?*
Julie Simon, Anna Davies, Young Foundation

At the beginning of the TEPSIE project, work package 1 provided an overview of the field of social innovation, exploring some of the theoretical underpinnings of the concept and developing a working definition for the project. This is content we will be refining and iterating as the project moves forward and we will be revisiting when we come to develop the final report in 2014.

Key issues we will be discussing in this session:

- *What is the state and shape of social innovation as a field of action and research? Is it best categorized as a field?*
- *What are some of the different fields of study that we can draw on to explore social innovation?*

What we have produced?

- *An initial overview report outlining definitions, context and practices of social innovation*
- *A report looking at learning from mainstream innovation*

10.45 am *Coffee break*

11.30 am *How can we measure social innovation? – Potentials and limitations*

Eva Bund & Gorgi Krlev, CSI

The Tepsie team delivered an overview of quantitative data on the organized social innovation infrastructure in the EU, mapped methods of measuring innovation and social innovation at the macro level, attempted the consolidation of measurement models on social innovation and identified implementation potentials within existing structures.

Key issues we will be discussing in this session:

- *How can the relation between technological and social innovation be enhanced in terms of measurement?*
- *In which ways do new types of indicators have to be included in the measurement of SOCIAL innovation at the macro level?*
- *Which role do 'needs' and their assessment play thereby?*

What have we produced?

- *Data overview on the Social Economy*
- *Analysis of National Social Economies*
- *Measuring Social Innovations*
- *Consolidation of methods*
- *Bringing methods into practice*

Discussant: *Werner Wobbe, Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation*

12.30 am *Lunch*

2.00 pm *Challenges to social innovation and how to overcome them*
Eirini Kalemaki (Atlantis Consulting), Americo Mendes (UCP)

WP3 will produce an analysis of the financial, regulatory, recognition and other barriers that impede the development of social innovation and enterprise in Europe – both at macro (business and public sector) and at micro levels (pilots, local social enterprises) and it will outline the models, methods, policies and regulatory frameworks required to overcome them.

Key issues we will be discussing in this session:

- *Main findings so far*
- *Main points of the conceptual framework that has been developed for identifying and analyzing barriers to social innovation*
- *Case studies that will be developed aiming to investigate the different challenges that social innovators face, their impacts and most importantly the strategies they use to overcome them.*

What we have produced?

- *Literature survey and establishment of a conceptual framework for analysing barriers to social innovation*

What is still to come?

- *Analysing specific identified challenges in specific contexts and mechanisms of overcoming these*

Discussant: *Prof. Alex Murdock, Not for Profit Management and Leadership, Head of Centre for Government and Charity Management, London South Bank University.*

3.00 pm **Generating capital flows – How to lever social innovation through finance?**
Gunnar Glänzel, CSI

The objectives of WP4 were to explore existing social finance investment instruments / vehicles / products, map existing social finance markets / cultures in Europe. An analysis of social finance markets as well as a matching of types of investors, types of returns and types of value created was performed. Recommendations have been developed for instruments to generate capital flows to social innovators, be it organisations associations or individuals. Against this background we have developed different scenarios for the provision of capital to social innovators as well as the potential development of social innovation in the future.

Key issues we will be discussing in this session:

- *Future scenarios on the nexus between social innovation and social finance*
- *Policy recommendations on the regulation of social finance and potential consequences for fields and types of social innovation*
- *Key aspects thereby are: (1) One size doesn't fit all; (2) Intermediation between innovator and investor needs*

What we have produced?

- *Review of social finance instruments and the state of the social investment market across the EU*
- *European survey of the funding needs of social innovators*
- *Interviews on the needs of social investors*
- *Report on the analysis and matching of innovator needs, investor needs and financing instruments*

Discussant: *Prof Alex Nicholls, Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford.*

4.00 pm *Engaging the public – citizen engagement in social innovation*

Julie Simons, Young Foundation

The aims of this work package were to better understand the role and value of citizen engagement in social innovation and to identify methods, approaches and policies needed to better/further engage citizens in the social innovation process and social enterprise. As part of this work package, we mapped the methods and approaches to engaging citizens in the different phases of the innovation process.

Key issues we will be discussing in this session:

- *What does it mean to talk about engaging citizens in social innovation?*
- *Why is engagement valuable?*
- *What are some of the risks associated with engagement practices?*

What have we produced?

- *A conceptual mapping of methods of citizen engagement*
- *An analysis of the role and value of citizen engagement in social innovation*
- *A set of case studies outlining examples of citizen engagement in social innovation*
- *A short guide to the research for policy makers and practitioners*

Discussant: *Prof Adalbert Evers, Institute for Political Sciences & Institute for Home Economic, Justus Liebig University.*

5.00 pm *Leave for "SOCIAL INNOVATION EXPERIENCE"*

5.30 pm Site visit to Heidelberger Dienste, <http://www.hddienste.de/>

The Heidelberg Dienste gGmbH (HDD) is a social service provider in the city of Heidelberg. They offer support, training and placement service for unemployed people and help disadvantaged youth to take up a vocational training.

This is done by providing a broad range of services in recycling, city cleaning, renovation, second hand shops and the like. They also provide innovative services, like the concierge service HDD also organizes the "Heidelberg Bündnis für Familie", a network that supports families and combines providers of services with businesses and other organisations.

A new offer is the center for the cultural and creative industries ("Dezernat 16") where young entrepreneurs are encouraged in the field of cultural and creative industries. The offer includes cheap and flexible working spaces, an infrastructure for the development of economic and personal networks, regular information and networking events, workshops, exhibitions and other offers. This is located near the main railway station in the old central fire station of Heidelberg

We will visit the new site and learn more about the HDD and their activities and also about some projects of the new centre "Dezernat 16".

8 pm *Conference dinner – Dorfschänke, Lutherstr. 14, 69120 Heidelberg. Food will be paid for by Tepsie, drinks will need to be paid for individually.*

Day two: 2 October 2013

9.00 am Welcome, Prof. Dr. Helmut K. Anheier, Academic Director, CSI Heidelberg; Dean at the Hertie School of Governance

9.15 am *Social Innovation – from hype to impact – building an evidence-base for Europe?*
Prof. Dr. Josef Hochgerner, Centre for Social Innovation Vienna

TEPSIE – TEPSIE UPCOMING WORK

10.00 am *Knowing what works – Evaluating social innovations*
Speaker: Ioanna Garefi, (Atlantis Consulting)

The main objective of this work package is to identify and map existing methods for evaluating the impact of different social innovation projects and initiatives at European and international level. The different evaluation methods will be assessed in terms of relevancy and effectiveness and a final synthesis of the best methods used will be produced.

Key issues we will be discussing in this session:

- *Research methodology and the main steps that will be followed*
- *Indicative evaluation approaches that are relevant for measuring the social impact*
- *The value of our results for social innovation practitioners*

What is still to come?

- *The identification of evaluation approaches and tools focused on assessing the impact of social innovation;*
- *Current practices in evaluating the impact of social innovation projects;*
- *A synthesis of best methods for evaluating the impact of social innovation projects;*
- *Identification and exploration of linking to the Global Impact Investing Network.*

Discussant: tbc

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 am *Growing what works – The challenge of “scaling-up”*
Anna Davies, Young Foundation

In the second half of the Tepsie project we will examine how social innovations and social enterprises spread and grow, drawing on evidence from around the world. As part of this work package, we will examine the educational and training infrastructure required to support social enterprise and increase the numbers and skills of social entrepreneurs in Europe.

Key issues we will be discussing in this session:

- Are scaling and diffusion the best ways of conceptualizing the growth of social innovations?
- Is scaling the right framing for thinking about all social innovation growth?

What is still to come?

- Review of the literature on growing social innovation
- Case studies of successful scaling of social innovations
- Report on the support infrastructure needed to grow social innovation in Europe
- Policy recommendations

Discussant: Prof. Jürgen Howaldt, SFS, Central Scientific Unit of the Dortmund University of Technology.

12.15 am *The role of online networks in social innovation*
Jeremy Millard, Rasmus Thaarup, Gwendolyn Carpenter,
Danish Technological Institute

Over the course of the 3-year Tepsie project we set out to understand and measure the social innovation enabled by new networking and collaboration tools made available over the Internet. A specific aim is to identify ways of optimizing the positive impact of these tools on social innovation.

Key issues we will be discussing in this session:

- We will give an overview of the investigation we have undertaken so far
- Main points of the 3 parallel approaches chosen will be presented: (1) The first steps of the development of a taxonomy of relevant technologies for social innovation; (2) applying the Community of Practice versus Community of knowledge lens to describe the shifts new technologies bring, (3) understanding networks and how ICT affects them helps to explain what opportunities are presented for social innovation
- Going forward we will be undertaking six case studies testing our desk research and consultation regarding ICT and social innovation. We will be looking for feedback on our approach currently being implemented.

What we have produced?

- Report on mapping the development of online collaboration and networking tools.
- Report on meta-analysis of the role of communities and networks in social innovation and the impact of ICT.

What is still to come?

- Casestudy report
- Gap analysis of policies and practices
- Recommendations for policies, framework conditions and practices at European, national and sub-national levels

Discussant: Paul Waller, Visiting Fellow Freelancer.

1.15 pm *Networking Lunch*

SOCIAL INNOVATION RESEARCH IN EUROPE: WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

2.15 pm Discussion: A research agenda on innovative social services
Prof Johannes Eurich, INNOSERV.

Discussant: *Jeremy Millard, Project Manager Tepsie, Laura Bunt or Jo Casebourne from NESTA*

3 pm Panel debate: Social Innovation Research - Where do we go from here?

Chair: Gwendolyn Carpenter, Senior European Policy Advisor, DTI

Panelists:

- Prof Adalbert Evers, WILCO
- Alex Nichols, CRESSI
- Judith Terstrup, SIMPACT
- Prof Jürgen Howaldt, SIDrive
- Tuur Ghys, IMPROVE
- Alex Haxeltine, TRANSIT
- Prof Helmut Anheier, ITSSOIN

4.30 pm *Reflections on the conference and farewell*
Prof. Dr. Josef Hochgerner, Centre for Social Innovation
Jeremy Millard, Project Manager Tepsie, DTI
Dr. Volker Then, Managing Director, CSI Heidelberg

Get involved. Engage. Share.

Social innovation is a rapidly evolving field with a range of interested, but diverse stakeholders at the European, global, national, regional and local levels. Dissemination is at the core of TEPsIE.

The objectives of the dissemination activities are:

- to ensure real-time and effective dissemination of research results to all key stakeholder groups in social innovation from policy makers, researchers and intermediaries to active practitioners in the field.
- to bring existing networks together and to grow the network through the research work that is being undertaken
- to ensure understanding and promote the research results, in particular in the context of FP7 programmes programme and EU policy through implementing an online support mechanism (the research hub) suitable for being maintained beyond the actual project.

What we are doing?

- We run a web-based, interactive research portal, which brings together the latest European research on social innovation
- We run a project website
- We write media & research publications
- We organise thematic workshops and conferences
- We participate in third party conferences and workshops
- We discuss our research with a number of relevant experts
- We engage and activate existing and new networks

How you can get involved?



Contribute to our research portal. Link our work! Build a community of research around Social Innovation with us! We warmly welcome comments and guestbloggers.



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Welcome to TEPSIE

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The global field of social innovation is gathering momentum, and beginning to move from the margins to the mainstream. From micro-credit to mobile banking to new forms of education and education, new methods and modes are radically transforming the ways in which social and environmental challenges are being addressed in Europe, much of this innovation is being driven by access to reworked technologies and the current economic crisis which has made social innovation more important than ever - not only as a core component of economic strategies to build a smart, sustainable and inclusive Europe but also as a way of tackling Europe's most pressing social needs.

The growing importance of social innovation is reflected in the emergence of new institutions and networks, and growing interest among foundations, policy makers and entrepreneurs. Despite this surge of interest, social innovation is still an emerging field. There are significant gaps in our knowledge and understanding of social innovation and in comparison to innovation in other fields, very little empirical and theoretical research into social innovation has been carried out. TEPSIE aims to help fill this gap.

Latest News

TEPSIE newsletter #6

The latest newsletter from the TEPSIE project is now online. Read #6 [here](#)

Expert workshop in Heidelberg, Germany

The TEPSIE project will host an expert workshop in Heidelberg on 1-2 October 2013 to present and receive feedback on ongoing research. Invited speakers will come from other FP7 projects, the European Commission and other European institutions working in the field of social innovation. The main discussion points will be:

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SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

In this sixth newsletter we introduce the new 'tepsie' work packages that have kicked off this summer. Work Package 7 will be looking into models of social innovation and work package 8 will explore how social innovation has been evaluated and what the best evaluation methods and practices are. In both of these workpackages we will be harnessing the insight we collected in our previous work.

We also provide useful signposts for long photo video made on our European Social Innovation Research portal www.tepsi.eu.

This fall, we are looking forward to hosting our 3rd annual project conference in the Rhein-Neckar Conference & Collocation on the 18/19th October in Heidelberg, Germany. About 60 social innovation experts from all across Europe will gather for a few days to beautiful and - we hope - inspiring surroundings to discuss key findings from the first weeks of TEPSIE, milestones that have featured their own reflections and to discuss approaches, measuring and next steps for this work. Most importantly the aim of this conference is to share and assess for further research by the future FP7 & research projects that are starting off, and to help build synergies between those projects.

If you have any comments, we welcome your feedback on our portal or in specific deliberations. Please do get in touch!

Happy reading!



Goodwillie Campbell
Senior Researcher, Policy Advisor
Director of Communications, Tepsie

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW WORK PACKAGES

This summer we described the final two streams of work for the 'tepsie' project - one looking at scaling up and the other at evaluating social innovations. Below we introduce how we will be approaching these work packages.

SCALING SOCIAL INNOVATION (WORK PACKAGE 7)



Anne Davies, The Young Foundation (UK)

The idea of scaling or scaling up is increasingly the dominant frame for (re)establishing success in the field of social innovation. The notion of the idea of scaling is the kind of 'copy and paste' that has been dominant in organisational, performance and in the wider adoption of things, which we are trying to replicate that has sprung up around social innovation. According to Jeffrey Brueckl (2010), "there may be no idea with greater currency in the social sector than 'scaling what works'". With such enthusiasm around the importance of scaling, we think it is important to take work package to look critically at this concept and how it frames the idea of growing and spreading social innovation.

Our first task will be to undertake a literature review of scaling social innovation (understanding, i.e.) The literature looking specifically at scaling in the context of social innovation is limited, and we begin by reflecting on it more for thinking about all the different ways in which social innovation grows, which are beyond just replicating it - we therefore are interested to look to other disciplines to help and this search of what will be relevant, including the wider and diverse literature literature that encompasses the growth of innovations in terms of diffusion.

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About Social Innovation Projects (running and upcoming)

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TRANSIT (TRANSformative Social Innovation Theory) is an ambitious new EC-funded (FP7) research initiative which is developing a theory of *transformative* social innovation through a programme of empirical research and theory development involving twelve separate research institutes from across Europe and the Americas. TRANSIT will develop a new theory by studying how networks of social entrepreneurs and families of social innovation projects contribute to systemic societal change. The research will include an integrated analysis of social innovations such as alternative energy cooperatives, science shops, time banks, design labs, eco-villages, transition towns and local resilience initiatives, looking at how these phenomena are operating through transnational networks across Europe and Latin America. The project adopts a comparative case-analysis approach to test and refine theory-based propositions about transformative social innovations, thereby exploring the constituent links in the causal chains between social innovation and transformative (systemic) change, and critically evaluating the central hypothesis that: *social innovation induces new forms of social interaction that empower people to undertake strategies and actions which, under certain conditions, lead to transformative, systemic change.*

WILCO is an EU-funded project aiming to examine, through cross-national comparative research, how local welfare systems favour social cohesion. Special attention will be paid to the missing link between innovations at the local level and their successful transfer and implementation to other settings. The effort to strengthen social cohesion and lower social inequalities is among Europe's main policy challenges. It means that local welfare systems are at the forefront of the struggle to address this challenge – and they are far from winning. While the statistics show some positive signs, the overall picture still shows sharp and sometimes rising inequalities, a loss of social cohesion and failing policies of integration. Read more: <http://www.wilcoproject.eu/>



WILCO

Welfare innovations
at the local level
in favour of cohesion

SI-DRIVE (Social Innovation: Driving Force of Social Change) involves 15 partners from 12 EU Member States and 11 from other parts of the world. The approach adopted carefully interlinks the research process to both the complexity of the topic and the project workflow. First, cyclical iteration between theory development, methodological improvements, and policy recommendations. Second, two mapping exercises at European and global level. Initial mapping will capture basic information about 1000+ actual successful and failed social innovations from a wide variety of sources worldwide, leading to a typology of SI (testing the SI perspectives proposed by the BEPA report) and using this to examine the global SI distribution. Subsequent mapping will use the typology to focus on well documented SI, leading to the selection of 10 cases each for in-depth analysis in the seven SI-DRIVE Policy Fields. Third, these case studies will be further analysed, used in stakeholder dialogues in 7 policy field platforms and in analysis of cross-cutting dimensions (e.g. gender, diversity, ICT), carefully taking into account cross-sector relevance (private, public, civil sectors), and future impact. The outcomes of SI-DRIVE will address all objectives required by the Call, cover a broad range of research dimensions, impacting particularly in terms of changing society and empowerment, and contributing to the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

ImPRovE (Poverty Reduction in Europe: Social Policy and Innovation) is an international research project that aims to improve the basis for evidence-based policy making in the area of poverty, inequality, social policy and social innovation in Europe. It is carried out by the ImPRovE Consortium and co-financed by the European Commission (Project officer at the European Commission: Marc Goffart). The project runs from March 2012 till February 2016 and is co-ordinated by the Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy (University of Antwerp, Belgium). The two central questions driving the ImPRovE project are; How can social cohesion be achieved in Europe? How can social innovation complement, reinforce and modify macro-level policies and vice versa? The output of ImPRovE will include over 55 research papers, about 16 policy briefs and at least 3 scientific books. The ImPRovE Consortium will organise two international conferences (March 2014 and February 2016). In addition, ImPRovE will develop a new database of local projects of social innovation in Europe, cross-national comparable reference budgets for 6 countries (Belgium, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Spain) and will strongly expand the available policy scenarios in the European microsimulation model EUROMOD.



INNOSERV explores key factors for innovation in social services and develops future scenarios of social services in Europe. To find out about innovations in academic research and on the practical level is the crucial function of the "Social Platform for Innovative Social Services" (INNOSERV). The project has received financial support from the 'Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities' (SSH) Theme of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). One specific objective was to establish a social platform (www.inno-serv.eu) that brings together key representatives of research, practice and policy communities in the field of social service planning and delivery. Its objective is to assess mutually recent trends in science, practice and policy, to identify knowledge gaps and to propose research questions and agendas to address them. Another important feature of the INNOSERV-project is the use of innovative, low-threshold communication means, such as 20 visualized project examples to overcome the communication gaps between research disciplines and practical work and to reach out to a wide audience of scholars, practitioners, policy makers and service users. The discussions between those various stakeholders leads now to a set of research questions which will be suggested to the European Commission for further funding in Horizon 2020. More here: <http://www.inno-serv.eu/>



LIPSE or "Learning from Innovation in Public Sector Environments" is a research project studying the drivers and barriers of successful social innovation in the public sector. With a budget of 2.5 Million Euros - funded by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Union - it is one of the largest projects on social innovation in the public sector. The research is being conducted by EU researchers from 12 different universities in 11 countries. The project starts on 1 Feb. 2013 and will run for 3,5 years. It is coordinated by the Erasmus University Rotterdam. - See more at: <http://www.lipse.org>



LIPSE

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THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PORTUGAL. The Faculty of Economics and Management UCP is one of the units of UCP in Porto. Social innovation is present in the teaching, research and outreach activities of this Faculty, as well as in other units of UCP in Porto. Ongoing projects in this area include: an undergraduate course in Social Economics; a MSc programme in Social Economics and the Yunus Chair in Social Business endorsed by Muhammad Yunus; Project SocialSpin to promote social entrepreneurship among students and alumni which includes a contest for distinguishing the best social business ideas, a workshop for training possible future social entrepreneurs (SocialSpin Camp) and an incubator for start-up social enterprises; a platform of the organizations supporting the homeless people in the Porto Metropolitan Area making use of new information technologies and new modes of collective governance to promote cooperation and coordination in their activities. Find out more: www.feg.porto.ucp.pt/en/home



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