

CALL FOR PROVIDERS: invitation to register in the SKIFT Project Registry of providers for the social economy

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1. AIMS OF THE CALL FOR PROVIDERS

The objective of this Invitation is to identify and select organisations across Europe willing to join the **SKIFT Project Registry of providers for the social economy**, facilitating the connection between capacity building providers and social economy enterprises (SEs).

The Registry will serve as a list of providers and will be used by the applicants participating in the project SKI.F.T. SKILLS FOR TRANSITION to identify and purchase capacity building services via the **Call for financial support** awarded to them in phase 2 of the project. The financial support will be provided to the applicant only, who will be responsible for administering the grant, including contracting the providers and settling the payment.

A single provider can participate in more than one application.

Benefits for organisations who will be included in the Registry:

- increase revenue from services provided;
- networking and collaboration opportunities;
- connect with the EU SEs value chain.
- learn how to cooperate with SEs and other stakeholders via an open innovation, project- based approach.

The Registry will be published on the project webpages.



2. ABOUT THE PROJECT

SKI.F.T. - Skills for Transition - Increasing the Impact of Micro and Small Social Economy Enterprises aims to support the development of small and micro cooperative and social economy enterprises (SEs) for green transition. The purpose is to contribute to the development of new business models in the circular economy and engage these businesses in green transition activities.

The SKI.F.T. project aims to:

- Develop sustainable business models based on new technologies that enable green transition activities.
- Assist companies in reconsidering their role in relation to private and public actors, as well as in establishing local green markets and value chains.
- Support them in communicating their efforts more effectively by collecting documentation and disseminating results to a broader audience.

The project SKI.F.T. SKILLS FOR TRANSITION is implemented by a consortium of 7 partners:

- KOOPERATIONEN, DK (coordinator)
- Fundacja Inicjatyw Społeczno-Ekonomicznych FISE, PL
- LEGACOOP, IT
- DEMETRA FORMAZIONE, IT
- CSA COESI, IT
- REVES RÉSEAU EUROPÉEN DES VILLES ET RÉGIONS DE L'ÉCONOMIE SOCIALE, BE
- CECOP CONFEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES ENTREPRISES SOCIALES ET PARTICIPATIVES, BE

You can find all the details on the project website (<https://skift.kooperationen.dk/open-calls/call-for-providers/>) and national partners' websites.

3. TYPES OF SERVICES THAT PROVIDERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE

SELF-ASSESSMENT AND IDENTIFICATION OF IMPROVEMENT MEASURES *cost-benefit analysis of investments in the green transition, ESG assessment, impact measurement, environmental sustainability certifications (non-exhaustive list).*

RAISING AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

among workers and/or management regarding environmental conduct in/out of the workplace (non-exhaustive list).

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

identification of strategies and tools to communicate the added value to stakeholders of all the activities carried out in continuous improvement (non-exhaustive list).

STIMULATING THE CREATION OF LOCAL GREEN VALUE CHAINS

promoting cooperation, support in the creation of local network contracts (non-exhaustive list).

CREATING A NEW BUSINESS AREA

in the field of green transition, adopting sustainable business models, adopting the stakeholder theory within their business (non-exhaustive list).

4. SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This invitation is addressed to:

- training providers;
- universities, other organisations active in the field of advanced education, and research organisations;
- expert / counselling entities and individuals.

Providers must meet the requirements mentioned below.

Requirements:

- 1) Proven expertise in the service(s) they aim to provide
- 2) Be a legal entity or be a natural person and a VAT holder
- 3) Be established/registered (legal office) in one of the following countries:
 - EU Member State.
 - EEA countries and countries associated to the COSME part of the Single Market Programme or countries which are in ongoing negotiations for an

association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature.¹

- 4) Be registered within the **SKIFT Registry of providers for the social economy**, at the latest by the deadline of this Call and before signing the service contract with the awarded applicant.
- 5) Not have a conflict of interest with the SKIFT project partners.
- 6) Not have a conflict of interest with the social enterprise leading the application they are participating in.

The provider is responsible for the correctness of fulfilling the above-stated criteria and of the information they submit in the registration form.

In addition, for the whole selection and evaluation process and the duration of the agreement with the project partner in charge of managing the local Registry within the SKI.F.T. SKILLS FOR TRANSITION project, selected providers must commit to join the SKIFT Project Registry of providers for the social economy, hosted on the project website.

5. SUBMISSION & VALIDATION PROCESS

Submission

Eligible providers must submit their Applications in English or admitted languages² only by:

1. Completing the application form at this online link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/ykdHLHuHKR?origin=lprLink>
2. Select one of the implementing partner organisation and send via email to the selected organisation (see section 8) the following annexes:
 - Declaration of Honour (you can upload it here: <https://skift.kooperationen.dk/open-calls/call-for-providers/>)
 - Registration Act or Revenue Agency Certificate for VAT holders
 - Chamber of commerce certificate or Statute, if available.

Please specify in the object of the email: "SKIFT - CALL PROVIDER - *Name of the provider*".

By submitting the application form, organisations agree to comply with the list of provisions stated in the application form.

Each service provider can submit one application only and will receive an email acknowledgment of the submission of the application.

Validation process

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/smp/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_smp_en.pdf

² Admitted languages for the project are Danish, English, Italian and Polish

All applications received will be reviewed by the Consortium against the eligibility criteria described under “TYPES OF SERVICES” and “PROVIDERS REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA”.

Please note that the following applications will be deemed ineligible:

- With no or incomplete attachments
- Not submitted by an eligible applicant
- Submitted in languages other than English.

All eligible applications that can provide at least one of the services will be included in the **SKIFT Project Registry of providers for the social economy** for the project SKI.F.T. SKILLS FOR TRANSITION. The SKIFT Project Registry of providers will be published on the SKIFT official website (<https://skift.kooperationen.dk/forside/>).

Validation criteria:

- Relevant products and services
- Relevant expertise and consolidated experience
- Filled in English.

Additional assets

- Experience in providing products/services into or partnering with the social economy sector, specifically related to improving green transition

All applicants will be informed via email provided in the application form of the outcome of the validation process. The validation process will last no longer than 14 working days.

Please note that the validated providers will be part of the **SKIFT Project Registry of providers for the social economy**, but it will be the social economy enterprises who will choose the service provider and buy the services and pay for them.

In case of manifest procedural errors or shortcomings envisaged by applicants and affecting the final decision on whether to be included in the registry, concerned organisations may inquire about the reasons for the rejection of their application by sending an email within 10 calendar days after the communication of the results to the contacts specified in section 8. The funding entity will answer within 10 calendar days and, under request, will supply an unsigned version of the evaluation forms. In case the complaint is grounded, a re-evaluation procedure will take place: the submitted application will be re-evaluated by the Evaluation Committee, analysing the former evaluation forms and the issue of the complaint; eligibility will be checked again (administrative documents, call requirements, etc.) and a new evaluation will be carried out. This evaluation is the final one.

6. CALENDAR OF THE INVITATION

Launch of the Invitation: 29th November 2024

Deadline of the application process: on an ongoing basis

Expected communication of results of the validation process to applicants: within 14 working days after the submission of the online form.

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Consortium and all parties involved shall take all necessary measures to prevent or end any situation that could compromise the impartial and objective performance of the contract. Such conflict of interests could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties, or any other relevant connection or shared interest. Participation in this call is strictly forbidden to any organisation which, at the time of the present Call publication, has direct or indirect control over any consortium partner.

All cases of potential conflicts of interest must be declared and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

8. PRIVACY POLICY

Any personal data provided under this Call, in any of the documents or forms on the on-line platform, will be processed by each Project partner in compliance with article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679. "Information to be provided where personal data are collected from the data subject".

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

To better understand the call, we invite all applicants to read about the project, objectives and activities on the project website (<https://skift.kooperationen.dk/forside/>) and national partner website.

For questions on this invitation, please contact:

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		https://fise.org.pl/programy/ski-f-t/

ANNEXES

ANNEX I - [PROVIDER REGISTRATION FORM](#) (link)

ANNEX II - [DECLARATION OF HONOUR](#) (link)