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CALL FOR PARTNERSHIPS

Center for Social Innovation

CSI CYPRUS OVERVIEW

R&D Center: Fostering positive change locally, nationally, regionally, and globally.

60 staff: Researchers, Trainers, Project Managers, IT Experts.

Running 90 projects, completed 300 projects globally.

Network of more than 5000 relevant organizations.

Our Core Expertise & Proposal Development & Project Implementation:

Proposal development & coordination

Research & scientific contributions

Impact analysis

Innovation management

Education & capacity building

Communication, dissemination & exploitation

Sustainability & business planning

Stakeholder engagement & knowledge transfer

COLLABORATE WITH US!

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Our organisation:

The Centre for Social Innovation (CSI) is an R&D institution specialising in the Social Sciences and Humanities. We nurture social innovation and drive progressive change across local, national, regional, and global contexts. Operating at the intersection of social interaction, education, development, and economic rationalisation, we create resilient, sustainable solutions and adopt disruptive strategies to tackle entrenched societal challenges. Our interdisciplinary team, with backgrounds in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Physical Sciences, provides a deep understanding of social needs. We design and implement tailored initiatives through evidence-based research, state-of-the-art investigative methods and thorough social impact analysis.

Our process spans the entire innovation cycle, starting with high-quality proposal writing and rigorous research methodologies. Our interdisciplinary team delivers scientific contributions across diverse fields and develops tailored educational modules using innovative techniques. We communicate and disseminate our findings through multiple channels, conduct systematic quality checks and evaluations, and pilot, assess, and coordinate solutions in varied settings. We transition research breakthroughs into market-ready products through prototyping and validation, manage intellectual property rights, and perform both social and environmental impact analyses. Finally, we develop robust business models and sustainability strategies for long-term success.

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to improving quality of life by using social innovation to address systemic challenges. Our academic expertise supports the development of opportunities for a wide range of individuals and organisations, while our network reaches more than 10,000 professionals worldwide and an additional 20,000 through social media.

CSI coordinates the Network of European Social Entrepreneurs and Innovators (NESEI) as appointed by the DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. NESEI, with over 100 members across Europe, connects social innovators and supports collaborative learning and market entry for new ideas. As the National Focal Point for the EU Diversity Charter and the Responsible Partner for the National Competencies Agency for Social Innovation, CSI identifies social needs and designs sustainable, bespoke initiatives. With over 200 funded projects, CSI serves as Cyprus's nexus for the Diversity Charter and plays a key role in the SIRIUS Policy Network on Migrant Education and the European Network of Innovation for Inclusion (ENII).

Communication and Outreach:

CSI has extensive experience in leading dissemination and communication activities across Horizon-funded projects, with a strong focus on bridging the gap between research outcomes and market uptake. The organisation is responsible for designing and implementing outreach strategies that maximise visibility, stakeholder engagement, and long-term impact. CSI delivers comprehensive communication and dissemination plans, stakeholder mapping, branding materials, and awareness campaigns tailored to diverse audiences. In addition to managing social media channels, project newsletters, and promotional events, CSI facilitates clustering activities with related initiatives and promotes project results at key industry and policy events. A core aspect of CSI's work is ensuring that project outcomes are effectively translated into real-world applications, connecting innovations to relevant markets, end-users, and potential adopters. Through targeted actions and strategic partnerships, CSI enhances the exploitation potential of project results and supports their sustainable adoption beyond the project's lifetime.

Our Core Expertise and Proposal Development and Project Implementation:

➢ **Proposal writing and tailored contributions:** Develop and co-write proposals that align with strategic objectives and funding requirements, with a proven track record of high-quality proposal development.

➢ **Rigorous research methodologies:** Employ a broad range of methods—including qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, comparative and content analysis, grounded theory, participatory action research, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, theory of change, discourse analysis, and social network analysis—to deliver robust data analysis and content development.

➢ **Interdisciplinary scientific contributions:** Scientific expertise in social innovation, education, sustainable development, programme design, environmental technologies, formal philosophy, AI ethics, molecular biology, biomedical engineering, legal research, and criminology contribute across diverse domains, driving transformative solutions in social sciences, sustainable technology, digital education, healthcare innovation, and regulatory frameworks.

➢ **Educational module development and implementation:** Design and implement tailored educational modules that combine theory with practice, addressing specific community needs and refined through stakeholder feedback.

➢ **Innovative approaches to education:** Use of creative techniques such as gamification, hackathons, and interactive workshops to foster engaging and collaborative learning environments.

➢ **Communication, dissemination, and exploitation:** Share our research findings and innovations through multiple channels and integrate them into practice with a focus on long-term sustainability.

➢ **Quality assurance and evaluation:** Conduct systematic quality checks and performance assessments to maintain high standards and achieve measurable social impact.

➢ **Pilot implementation, assessment, evaluation, and coordination:** Test innovative solutions in varied settings, measure their performance, evaluate results, and coordinate rollout for practical, scalable impact.

➢ **Research-to-Market transition:** Convert research breakthroughs into market-ready products through prototyping, validation, and adaptation to commercial needs, supported by strategic partnerships and clear commercialisation plans.

➢ **IPR Management:** Manage and protect our intellectual property with legal safeguards, facilitate knowledge transfer, and support sustainable growth.

➢ **Social impact analysis of technological innovations:** Assess the societal benefits and potential risks of our innovations, delivering measurable positive outcomes that address community needs.

➢ **Environmental impact analysis of innovations:** Evaluate the environmental benefits and risks of our innovations, measure performance against sustainability criteria, and minimise ecological footprints.

➢ **Sustainability and business modelling:** Develop robust business models and sustainability strategies that support long-term viability and commercial success by integrating economic, environmental, and social considerations.

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Funded (Concluded & Ongoing) Horizon Projects:

RESPOND-A
H2020-SU-SEC-2019

Next-generation equipment tools and mission-critical strategies for First Responders

MAMMOth
HORIZON-CL4-2021-HUMAN-01

Multi-Attribute, Multimodal Bias Mitigation in AI Systems

RELEVIUM
HORIZON-HLTH-2021-DISEASE-04

Improving quality of life of advanced pancreatic cancer patients through an AI-guided multimodal

E-DIPLOMA
HORIZON-CL2-2021-TRANSFORM-01

Electronic, Didactic and Innovative Platform for Learning Based on Multimedia Assets

augMENTOR
HORIZON-CL2-2022-DEMOCRACY-01

Augmented Intelligence for Pedagogically Sustained Training and Education

LEVERS
HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ERA-01

LEarning VEntuReS for Climate Justice

ORBIS
HORIZON-CL2-2022-DEMOCRACY-01

Augmenting participation, co-creation, trust and transparency in Deliberative Democracy at all scales

DIOPTRA
HORIZON-MISS-2021-CANCER-02

Early Dynamic Screening For Colorectal Cancer via Novel Protein Biomarkers Reflecting Biological Initiation Mechanisms

ALCHEMISSTS
HORIZON-CL4-2024-RESILIENCE-01

Augmented Intelligence for Pedagogically Sustained Training and Education

DRIVE
HORIZON-CL6-2024-CIRCBIO-01

Driving Rural Innovation through startup Villages across Europe

BOOST
HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-TALENTS-03

Building Outstanding Opportunities for Science and Talent

ARCOE
HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-03

Advancing Research Careers through Organizational Excellence

ECLIPSE
HORIZON-CL3-2024-FCT-01-05

Preventing and Combating Online and Offline Hate Speech and Disinformation Through Multidisciplinary Innovation, Education and Awareness in Europe

CSI's HORIZON EUROPE Team

Dr Sotiris Themistokleous

Expert in social innovation, education, sustainable development, and social inclusion. He excels in strategic planning and stakeholder engagement, offering multidisciplinary insights that drive transformative, long-term societal change.

Dr Katerina Theodoridou

Experience in programme design, project management, curriculum development, and ICT-based learning; specialization in creating and evaluating digital learning environments and innovative educational frameworks, ensuring high-quality delivery and efficient project oversight.

Dr Styliani Karra

Expertise in environmental fluid mechanics, chemical engineering, biotechnology, and sustainability technologies. She provides technical leadership in developing eco-friendly innovations that reduce environmental impact while advancing sustainable technological solutions.

Dr Nicos Stylianou

Philosophy of science, AI ethics and decision-making processes. He offers robust guidance to ensure projects adhere to ethical standards and incorporate sound decision-making frameworks, particularly in technology-driven contexts.

Dr Xenia Hadjikipri

Expert in molecular biology and health sustainability with a focus on waste reduction strategies. She bridges scientific research with practical applications, improving quality of life through sustainable and evidence-based practices.

Alexandros Mitrousias

Focused on strategic development, he leverages his background in European Culture Studies to manage EU funding proposals and coordinate organisational growth. His administrative and social support experience, coupled with advanced French and English, drives innovative and sustainable initiatives.

Dr Kyriacos Yiannacou

Specialist in biomedical engineering, intelligent microsystems, acoustic microfluidics, and machine learning. He integrates advanced engineering and computational techniques into product development, delivering innovative solutions that enhance healthcare and promote environmental sustainability.

Dr Vasiliki Yiatrou

Proficiency in legal research, consumer protection, and financial services policy. She provides thorough legal and regulatory analysis, developing robust frameworks that help organisations navigate complex compliance environments and promote responsible governance.

Christos Damianou

Expertise in criminology, social research, and academic coordination. He applies rigorous research methodologies and strategic planning to inform project development, driving impactful social research and effective academic collaboration.

Constantinos Karayiannis

Experienced in EU project dissemination, stakeholder engagement, and strategic outreach. Led communications for multiple European projects, managing social media, content creation, and visibility through events and publications. Combines an advertising background with a creative, results-driven approach and strong digital skills.