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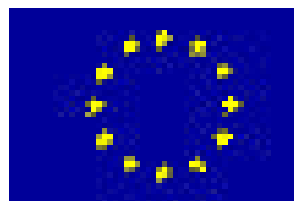
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The contribution of social capital in the social economy for local development in Western Europe



What is Conscise?

Conscise is funded by the European Commission's Framework V programme under its Key Action of Improving the Socio-Economic Knowledge Base.

The Conscise Project is a trans-national partnership examining the way in which social enterprises in the social economy contribute to the growth of social capital for local development.

Who are the partnership members?

co-ordinating partner:

**INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH,
Middlesex University**

other partners:

**Community Business Scotland Network Ltd
Technologie-Netzwerk Berlin e.V
Natverket for Kooperative Och Socialt Foretagande
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Contact details for the co-ordinating partner are shown on the final page of this leaflet



The Conscise Project task...

In brief, the Conscise Project will operate through partners in various EU regions (England, Germany, Scotland, Spain and Sweden) to:

- ❖ **Clarify key concepts**
 - ✓ Social Capital
 - ✓ Social Enterprise
 - ✓ Social Economy
- ❖ **Identify indicators and measures of the concepts above**
- ❖ **Adapt local socio-economic profiling and social audit techniques by incorporating the indicators and measures above**

Following from the first stage, outlined above, the Conscise Project will move to develop socio-economic profiles of selected localities with attention being given to the presence and growth of social capital, social enterprise and identifiable social economy.

Fieldwork will be undertaken, over 2 years, with selected social enterprises in each locality to develop social audits which will include not only the ways in which these enterprises meet their social aims and objectives but which identify the ways in which these enterprises impact upon the development of local social and economic formation (in intended and unintended ways).

A key question for the project is:

'If social enterprise and social economy generates social capital what is its impact upon local development?'

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