# EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



**MEMBERSHIP & INVITATION** 

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### **ABOUT**

**European Development Network** is a European Development Institute service that enables the institutions within its reach to access European Union Grants. The institutions within the Network have the aim to make sustainable contributions to the social, economic and cultural development of Europe and its neighbors through the projects and partnerships they develop using these funds. EDN's main thematic working areas:

- > ENTREPRENEURSHIP & EMPLOYMENT
- > CULTURE & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
- ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES



#### $oldsymbol{\in}\hspace{-0.1cm} oldsymbol{\cap}$ How Did European Development Network Emerge?

The European Development Institute is one of Europe's most active international organizations in this field, which has carried out more than 150+ European Union supported projects in almost 10 years. The main purpose of European Development Institute is to contribute The United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and the EU's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the light of an innovative, sustainable and multi-cultural approach. EDI is based in Brussels and carries out its activities by bringing different institutions and more than 20 experts from Europe and neighbor countries together.

European Development Network, which has been developed to meet the needs of the organizations that the EDI has worked so far within the scope of these projects, such as recognizing other organizations in the field, developing projects, new collaborations, and interdisciplinary work was officially established on February 2019 in Mudanya with an Erasmus+ Network Building project with the participation of more than 25 institutions from all over the Europe.

European Development Network has been working actively since it announced its establishment at the kick-off meeting held in February 2019. The network, which announced its establishment with more than 25 members from Europe and its neighbors, has created more than 35 new project partnerships within the scope of 15 different European Union supported projects in the last 4 months. In addition, the way the network operates, membership models, services and the sustainability plan were created and implemented with the contributions of the members. The network, which is currently in operation for the closing quarter of 2019, is expanding during this period and is preparing for the European Development Network Summit to be held in Brussels in November. The network, which will continue its projects in 2020 to create a solid impact across Europe and its neighbors, will also continue its innovative work in the core areas of entrepreneurship and employment, creative industries and green issues to increase the institutional and individual capacities of its members and create new opportunities.

### **ABOUT**

EDN gathers the organizations together, supports them to create international effective coorperations and projects and it creates a sustainable positive effect.

By joining the network, you can increase your corporate capacity with the support of interdisciplinary network members and EDN experts. Moreover; with the EU granted projects that you conduct and be a part of you can answer the needs of your organization and expand your international network. Additionally; with the education and mobility programs that are specially designed for EDN members, you can develop your individual competences which leads you to gain project management ability and the opportunity to access fundings.

#### Interdisciplinary Cooperation is what makes EDN unique!

EDN comprises members from more than 25 countries, primarily from the field of Entrepreneurship & Employment, Culture & Creative Industries and Environmental Issues along with NGO's, universities, creative hubs, coworkings, social enterprises, private companies, municipalities and members from different range of networks. By this means, it creates unique cooperation opportunities by taking advantage of the power of interdisciplinary work.

#### Dear impact makers;

European Development Institute is inviting you impact makers; comprising the representatives of NGOs, universities, creative hubs, coworkings, social enterprises, private companies, municipalities, and members from different range of networks are contributing to the impact sector that is growing day by day to join Europe's biggest development network; European Development Network!

In this booklet, you can find the services and opportunities that EDN offers and our experts are ready to answer all of your questions related to the network and to support you every possible way.

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### Which institutions' needs are met by the European Development Network?



International organizations that want to develop their network and cooperation with similar institutions from their own thematic area and experienced institutions from different disciplines.



Organizations that want to develop projects for their organizational needs, want to take part in the existing projects and want to access EU funds.



Organizations that want to develop their organizational capacity in project management, implementation, and organization and need support.



Organizations that want to host international events and want to implement creative projects and events in their own region by transferring them to their own organizations.





### How European Development Network Members Contribute?



- Members contribute to peer learning by exchanging their knowledge and experiences in their own fields. By this means, experts in different disciplines create strong cooperations for the common goal.
- Several EU projects are conducted within the scope of network. Members, who are the partners or the coordinators in these projects, both conduct projects in line with their corporate goals and contribute to the consortium by using their expertise areas to improve them.
- They host the events that are carried out in accordance with EDN's yearly target and work area priorities, and they help these events to be carried out with the support of EDN.
- They recommend diverse organizations which can contribute to the network; thus they help the network grow.



### What will European Development Network offer to support its members?



Access to EU Project Funding, Projects, Institutions and Different Opportunities, Project Management and Expertise Support



Interdisciplinary Collaborations on International Level



**International Networking Capacity** 



**Organizational Capacity Development Services** 





### European Development Network Membership Models / 2019

EDN increases its members cooperate capacity with the services that are specially designed for the members' needs. Every year, the offered services are revised and developed according to the cooperations' needs. Each network member benefits from the services below equally. Cooperations become network members for one year. By opening its doors to the cooperations which will contribute to the network with their various thematical work domains, the network aims to expand its effect day by day. Details about the services are listed below.

#### **European Development Network Membership Services**

EU-Funded Projects Partnership<sup>®</sup>

European Development Network Summit Participation<sup>®</sup>

European Development Network Exchange Programmes<sup>®</sup>

Access to Customized EDN Resources<sup>®</sup>

In addition to these services, EDN experts hold the flexibility to offer extra services to the cooperations in need. These services are both for the benefit of cooperations within the network's domain and outside its domain. The extra services are as follows:

- 1. EU-Funded Projects Grant Writing, Managament and Organization Support (1)
- 2. Evaluation and Development Expert Support for EU-Funded Project Applications



#### **EDN SERVICES DETAILS**

#### EU-Funded Projects Partnership (i)

All cooperations within the network are provided with the opportunity to formally participate in at least 2 EU Projects application each year in the thematic areas where they work or want to work. This opportunity is created through different projects produced by both EDN experts and network members. In this way, funds are created for institutions through EU projects, and interdisciplinary partnerships are developed in thematic areas to make a solid contribution to their goals.

Within the scope of the Network;

Members will take part in projects as "project partner", which usually last 18 to 24 months. Within the scope of these projects, institutions will have a project budget of approximately 15 to 30 thousand Euros, which varies according to the construction of the project and the roles of the institutions, including many items such as project management, project employees, travel, accommodation and exceptional costs.

Members also will take part in projects as "project coordinator" which usually lasts 18 to 24 months. Members will have a project budget of approximately 50 to 80 thousand Euros (for project coordinator), which varies according to the construction of the project and the roles of the institutions, including many items such as project management, project employees, activities, travel, accommodation and exceptional costs.)

\* All of the services above will be offered on condition that the projects submitted receive a grant. EDN at least 1 revision guarantee for each project submission to make sure of its success and submit again.

### European Development Network (i) Summit Participation

Organized by the European Development Network and attended by members, EDN Summit brings together network members in the center of Europe, Brussels, and opens the doors to new collaborations. Experts coming from universities, municipalities, creative hubs, coworkings, technology transfer offices, acceleration programs, networks, NGOs working on entrepreneurship, employment, culture, creative industries and environmental issues and private sector representatives from more than 25 different countries are developing EU projects, partnerships and collaborations that support national and international development goals. In addition, good practices in thematic work areas are shared and dissemination plans are made throughout the network, and annual work topics and targets are determined. At the same time, workshops, sessions, and training programs are organized to improve the institutional capacity of the members. In addition, members find the chance to exchange ideas with representatives of the European Commission. EDN Summit leverages the power and impact of interdisciplinary work to create unique collaborative opportunities.

All members have the right to participate in the EDN Summit for 1 person. In this context, their non-travel accommodation, event and meal expenses will be covered by the European Development Network in 2021 - 2022. (The mentioned EDN Summit may be held online due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 outbreak. EDN holds the privilege to unilaterally decide on the format of this Summit.)



### **EDN Exchange Programmes Participation** (i)

The European Development Network is implementing the "EDN Exchange Programmes" to enable members to inspire each other, encourage innovation transfer and develop transnational co-operation. Within the scope of the program, EDN members visit and gain experience in many events such as EU projects, regional thematic events, national and transnational programs carried out by institutions within the network. In addition, the members who see the functioning, structure and business models of the institutions open the door for new collaborations by helping out each other.

Exchange Opportunities determined after the feedback received from members every year are shared with the members and opened for application. EDN matches participants with network member organizations according to the type of exchange they want to make (P2P, Event / Project Based, Job Shadowing etc.) and acts as a bridge, enabling the program to be implemented.

All members have the right to participate for 1 person in these programs. The mentioned EDN Exchange Programme may be held online due to restrictions caused by the Covid-19 outbreak. EDN holds the privilege to unilaterally decide on the format of this programme.)

### Access to Customized EDN Resources (i)

EDN offers a specialized online platform accessible only to members. Through the platform, all network members can see each other's profiles, past and current work and communicate. In addition, they can easily reach the entire network by inviting them to projects and events and develop collaborations.

EDN offers a "customized" e-bulletin, which includes EU funding sources and different opportunities, available to current members, once every 2 weeks. This e-bulletin does not only include open calls. In addition, it includes "best practice project" examples implemented by EDN and its members for each call. This inspires the institutions about which projects can be carried out within the scope of the call and enables concrete steps to be taken. Afterward, EDN experts support the members on how to benefit from these opportunities.

EDN experts produce content tailored to the needs of the network members in writing, managing, implementing and evaluating EU projects. In addition, it provides support for the implementation of these themes by producing up-to-date thematic content (workshops, training programs, accelerating programs, reports) on the main work areas of the network: entrepreneurship, employment, creative industries, and green issues.



## Connect with amazing impact makers around Europe and neighborhood!



Get in touch to see how we can help you grow with all EDN network members and experts.

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