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Enabling Social Innovation
Entrepreneurship in AgriFood
through Digital Transition

CALL FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME



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1. INTRODUCTION

This **open CALL FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME** is launched to award financial support in the form of **travel lump sum grants to social economy stakeholders** to participate in a series of Study Visits across Austria, Lithuania, Portugal, and Spain. The programme aims to showcase practices for digitalisation and social innovation in the agrifood sector and foster transnational cooperation, in the framework of the ENACT project.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

ENACT project “Enabling Social Innovation Entrepreneurship in Agri-food through Digital Transition” is a transformative initiative aimed at promoting **digital innovation and social entrepreneurship within the agri-food sector**. Through collaboration and knowledge-sharing, ENACT seeks to empower social economy actors to address societal challenges while driving sustainable development across Europe.

The project offers training programs and educational resources to equip businesses and social initiatives with the tools needed to address challenges such as sustainable production, waste reduction, energy efficiency, and resource optimization. It also facilitates collaboration across European countries, building a support network and mutual learning platform to drive sustainable innovation and strengthen the agri-food sector and the broader social economy. ENACT is supported by the European Union Single Market Programme (SMP) [101167981].

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ABOUT THE STUDY VISITS

The study visit programme is an opportunity to engage in:

- **Experiential learning:** hands-on, immersive experiences that allow participants to actively engage with the practices and technologies being showcased, including field visits, demonstrations and interactive workshops.
- **Knowledge exchange:** creating platforms for sharing insights with other stakeholders participating in the visits and the showcase of case studies.
- **Networking opportunities:** an ideal environment for networking and forging professional connections with diverse stakeholders in the social economy sector across Europe.

The visits will take place from March to September 2025, in the cities and regions identified on the map on the right.



The Table below summarises the place and date of the four Study Visits predicted.

ID	COUNTRY	CITY	DATES ¹	HOST
01	PORTUGAL	Évora	18th to 21st March	Make it Better
02	LITHUANIA	Birštonas	12th to 15th May	AgriFood Lithuania
03	SPAIN	Barcelona	7th to 10th July	Barcelona Chamber of Commerce
04	AUSTRIA	Vienna	29th September to 2 nd of October	Austria Wirtschaftsservice

The indicated timeframe includes travel time plus a 2-day programme at the destinations.

In the **ANNEX 01** of the present call, you will find the main details (agenda and grant details) for the second study visit to be hosted in **Lithuania**, from the **12th** to the **15th of May 2025**.

2.WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

If you want to apply to participate in the study visit, you must fulfil the following requirements, namely:

- **Represent an entity that qualifies minimum as one of the following categories:**
 - > **SME:** a small and medium enterprise related to the agrifood sector².
 - > **Social economy enabling organisation**³.
- **In addition, the programme seeks the inclusion of diverse organisational profiles, such as:**
 - > Be active in the **agri-food sector** or **other interconnected ecosystems** (food and beverages, tourism, etc.) and or instrumental to its digital transformation (digitalization and technology related entities).
 - > Be registered in **Catalonia (Spain), Portugal, Lithuania, or Austria**.
 - > Be able to effectively communicate in **English**, both in written and oral form.
 - > Confirm your interest to engage in ENACT project activities.

¹ Please note dates may be subject to change.

² **SMEs must follow EU definition** in line with the **EU recommendation 2003/361**. In general terms, this means that they employ less than 250 people with an annual turnover of up to EUR 50 million, or a balance sheet total of no more than EUR 43 million, as per the. SMEs self-assessment: [SME Questionnaire \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/sme-questionnaire).

³ These organisations (public or private) can be established as business support organisation, incubator and accelerator, sectoral federation or association representing social economy entities, providing support services to social economy entities or federate social entities at local, regional or national level.



3. HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates in attending the study visits are invited to apply for the programme by filling in the **Expression of Interest (Eoi) - Online Form** - before the deadlines listed in the Table below.

Current Call is open for the Study Visit hosted in Lithuania



APPLY HERE

[\[https://forms.office.com/e/wuwa3wjVh2\]](https://forms.office.com/e/wuwa3wjVh2)

Candidates can also show interest in participating in future study visits.

If you are interested in taking part in future study visits and events stay tuned and visit our project [webpage](#) and [LinkedIn](#), as a specific Call for each of the study visits will be launched.

Applications should be **drafted in English** and submitted before the following deadlines:

ID	COUNTRY	CITY	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION ⁴	APPLICATION STATUS
01	PORTUGAL	Évora	14 th February 2025 (all candidates)	CLOSED
			21 st February 2025 (only for candidates from Austria & Portugal)	CLOSED
02	LITHUANIA	Birštonas	10th of April 2025	OPEN NOW (APPLY)
03	SPAIN	Barcelona	20th May 2025	Predicted (open soon)
04	AUSTRIA	Vienna	11th July 2025	Predicted

4. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Applicants must submit the **Expression of Interest (Eoi)**, through the online form made available above, including Administrative Information, which will be the basis to conduct the eligibility check, and other Technical Details. Once submitted, the applications will go through the following evaluation steps:

ADMISSION

The application is compliant with the time and form of submission, which means it has been submitted within the deadline, and through the online form in English, with all compulsory fields filled in.

⁴ Please note dates may be subject to change.



SELECTION

The application will be judged against the selection and award criteria listed here below:

#	CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	SCORING
1	RELEVANCE TO SOCIAL ECONOMY IN AGRI-FOOD	Connection to the social economy and the agri-food sector and alignment with their priorities.	40%	From 0 to 5
2	INTEREST IN DIGITAL INNOVATION	Interest and/or track record in digital innovation & digitalisation in the social economy and agri-food sectors	40%	From 0 to 5
3	COMMITMENT TO COLLABORATION	Interest in engaging in study visits, workshops, sharing experiences and follow-up activities.	20%	From 0 to 5

At the end of the evaluation process, all applications will be ranked based on the score resulting from the application of the selection criteria. A ranking per country will be established, so that the participation is balanced across the countries/regions of the program (approximately 6 candidates per country will be invited for each study visit). Remaining applicants (not selected) will be part of the reserve list for the upcoming study visits.

Applicants will be informed via email about the evaluation results. Selected participants will be invited to join the study visit. The selected applicants will be published on ENACT project official communication channels.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

Selected participants will be provided with more detailed information regarding the travel arrangements for the study visit. Each participant, individually, is expected to book and organise their own transportation and accommodation (see ANNEX 01). ENACT will provide an overall coordination and practical suggestions for the travel arrangements to ensure a smooth process for the participants.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND MANAGEMENT

Participants are expected to advance the payments for their travels.

After the participation in the study visit, ENACT will proceed with the payment of the full amount of the established lump sum (fixed amount travel grant) for the destination country (details in Annex 01). The amount of the lump sum depends on the country of origin and the place where the study visit takes place. Specific details for the lump sum for the current call can be found in **ANNEX 01**.

Only one person per entity can receive the financial support. If extra people from the same entity would like to join (without financial support), please contact the local contact point. Each case will be evaluated and addressed according to the circumstances.

CONTACT

For further queries please contact us through info@projectenact.eu or the **contact point** near you:

ID	COUNTRY	NATIONAL CONTACT POINT	CONTACT EMAIL
01	PORTUGAL	Make it Better	portugal@projectenact.eu
02	LITHUANIA	AgriFood Lithuania	lietuva@projectenact.eu
03	SPAIN	Barcelona Chamber of Commerce	espana@projectenact.eu
04	AUSTRIA	Austria Wirtschaftsservice	osterreich@projectenact.eu



5. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Applicants wishing to raise a complaint regarding the application process or the evaluation of their application may submit a written complaint to info@projectenact.eu within five working days of receiving the notification of the outcome.

The complaint should clearly outline the grounds and any relevant details. All complaints will be acknowledged within two working days and reviewed by the project steering committee, which is committed to maintaining the highest level of impartiality. A response will be provided within seven working days of receipt of the complaint. Please note that the decision made by the complaints committee is final.

6. DATA PROTECTION

The personal data of participants will be processed by ENACT for the sole purpose of administering the Call.

The processing will be governed by this clause and by the legislation governing data processing. Specifically, ENACT will process the personal data supplied by the participants to administer their applications to take part in the Call, as well as (with their consent) to inform them and send them communications about the activities and new developments in the ENACT project, which may be of interest to them, via electronic and other similar channels.

The legal basis for processing their data is to administer their application to take part in the Call and the Programme process, or in the case of sending them communications, it is the consent given by the participants.

The data will be processed under all circumstances in accordance with a level of protection that corresponds to the applicable data.

Following the selection process, ENACT will keep the data supplied by the participants so that the candidates can be taken into consideration in future project events or programs, if they consent to this.

Participants may revoke their consent to receiving commercial communications at any time by sending an e-mail to info@projectenact.eu.

If personal data is supplied, users warrant that they have informed those parties of the content of this clause before supplying them, and they are personally liable against ENACT for any losses that may arise in the event of a breach. They may, at any time, exercise their rights to view, correct, or delete their data, to request restrictions on processing, to object to processing, or to request the portability of their data, in accordance with the provisions of current legislation, by sending an e-mail to info@projectenact.eu clearly stating the right they wish to exercise and attaching their national ID number or other similar ID documents in proof of their identity.

ANNEX 01

TO THE “CALL FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME” STUDY-VISIT #2 IN LITHUANIA (12 to 15 May 2025)

AGENDA

DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY
12 MAY (Monday)	DAY 1: ARRIVAL & TRANSFER TO BIRŠTONAS	
	20h00	Transfer to Birštonas from Vilnius (1.5-hour group transfer)
	21h30	Hotel Check-in (Birštonas) & Informal Networking
13 MAY (Tuesday)	DAY 2: WORKSHOPS & FIELD VISITS IN BIRŠTONAS	
		ENACT Workshop: The Role of Social Economy in AgriFood Digitalization Goal: Understanding social economy business models & digitalization in agrifood:
	9h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Policy & support programs > Best practices in digital transformation > Digital tools for social economy enterprises
	10h30	Coffee Break & Networking
	11h00	Field Visit: Social Economy & Digitalization in Water Industry > Visit to Water Bottling Factory/Water Production Facility engaged in Social Economy & Digitalization
	13h00	Lunch & Exploring Birštonas
		Guided Tour of Birštonas: Culture & Nature
	14h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Walking tour of Birštonas Old Town & Nemunas River surroundings > Visit a local initiative supporting social enterprises in agrifood
	17h00	Free Time in Birštonas
		Joint Dinner & Networking in Birštonas
	20h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Farm-to-Table Experience > Informal networking with social economy & agrifood stakeholders
14 MAY (Wednesday)	DAY 3: STUDY VISIT TO VDU AGRICULTURE ACADEMY & SOCIAL ECONOMY PRACTICES	
	8h30	Transfer to Kaunas' VDU Agriculture Academy Welcome & Introduction at VDU Agriculture Academy by Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy (VDU-AA)
	9h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Introduction to VDU Agriculture Academy & its role in agrifood innovation > ENACT Project Overview > Objectives of the Study Visit & Key Takeaways
	10h30	Guided Tour of VDU Agriculture Academy Laboratories > Showcase how these labs support social economy businesses in agrifood.
		ENACT Talks: Social Economy in Agrifood – Challenges & Best Practices (VDU-AA) By AgriFood Lithuania DIH, HeavyFinance, AUGA Group & Lithuanian Social Economy Association
	11h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > How social economy businesses can integrate digital tools > Financial sustainability & funding opportunities > Case studies of successful social economy enterprises in agrifood
	12h30	Coffee Break & Networking
	13h00	Workshop: Building Digital & Social Innovation Models in AgriFood By VDU, AgriFood Lithuania, and ENACT partners
	14h00	Joint Lunch at VDU Cafeteria > Featuring locally sourced, sustainable Lithuanian agrifood products
		Field Visit: Best Practices in Social Economy & Circular Agrifood
	15h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Business models in social economy agrifood enterprises > Digital transformation journeys > Collaboration opportunities for ENACT stakeholders
	17h30	Transfer to Vilnius & Hotel Check-In (Vilnius)
	19h00	Free time in Vilnius
15 MAY (Thursday)	DAY 4: BREAKFAST MEETING & FAREWELL	
		Farewell Breakfast Meeting
	8h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Reflections on the study visit's key takeaways > Next steps & collaboration opportunities
	11h00	End of Study Visit & Departures



LUMP SUM

The **LUMP SUM (fixed amount travel grant) allocated per participant** is calculated to **cover travel, accommodation, meals, and other required costs** during the trip to participate in the study visit hosted in **Lithuania**. The calculation assumes:

- 4 days of traveling and 3 nights of accommodation.
- Further details about recommended accommodation and covered meals will be sent to selected participants.
- Travel costs depend on the country of origin.

Considering this, the LUMP SUM per participant based on the country of origin is:

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE PARTICIPANT	LUMP SUM AMOUNT
AUSTRIA	900,00 Euros
LITHUANIA	240,00 Euros
SPAIN	880,00 Euros
PORTUGAL	930,00 Euros