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support for social innovation

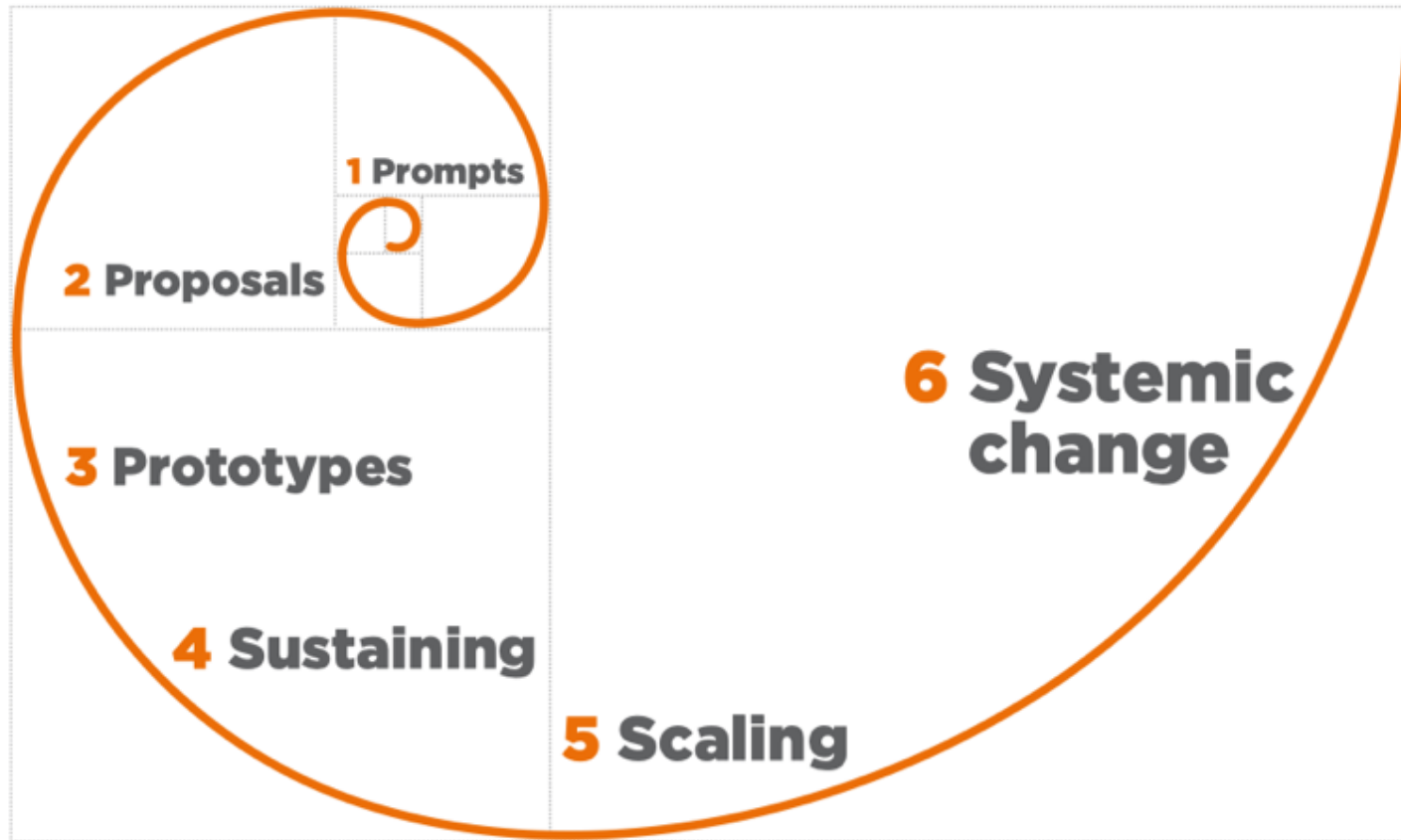
The role of competence centres

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The ambition: supporting the entire social innovation life cycle



Funding/level

**EaSI
social
experimentation
(25 c)**

**ESF+ in the
Member States
(14.1 and 14.4)**

**ESF Social Innovation+
at EU-level (25. i)**

**ESF+ in the Member States (14.2
and 14.4)**

Innovation phase

New ideas/solutions: social innovation
and experimentation projects

Transnational piloting projects
for scaling

Mainstreaming:
replication – reforms

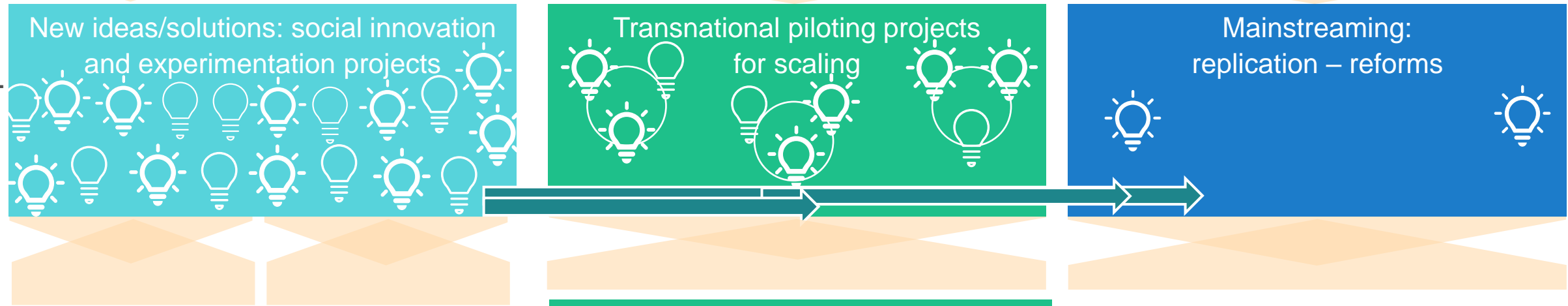
Support mechanisms

**EaSI
National
Contact
Points
in MS**

**Funding
tenders
portal,
calls,
partner
search**

**European competence centre for social
innovation:
knowledge | capacity building | networks |
learning | Social innovation database
(14.6)**

**National competence centres for social innovation
(ESF/EaSI) (14.6)**



ESF Social Innovation+ 2021-2027

European Commission

Entrusted Entity:
LT ESF Agency, ESFA

Grants

Replication
Consolidation and
further development
Strategic cooperation

European Competence Centre for social innovation

Mutual learning and
networking (MS, projects,
support organisations)
Data and knowledge,
Awareness raising
Social innovation database

Social Innovation competence centres



A European competence centre

- EU level capacity building, stocktaking and networking
- Mutual learning between Member States (ESF transnational cooperation)
- Mobilising knowledge from national level and from international research
- Synergies between different EU programmes and initiatives
- A policy lab

National competence centres

- Country specific capacity building, stocktaking and networking
- Promotion of the use of EU programmes and funds
- Advocacy
- Actively connected to transnational cooperation at EU level

National Competence Centres on SI: 2021-2023 projects in a nutshell

6

projects

25

countries covered

148

organisations

PEncCIL

BE CZ FI LT



5

SI PLUS

AT BG HU SK (HR)



9

ESIA

EE DE DK PL UK



25

BuiCaSuS

ES FR LV SE



27

FUSE

BG CY IE PT



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SEED

EL IT RO SI



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- Ministry
- National public body
- Sub-national public body
- City
- NGO / Foundation
- Research institute
- Enterprise
- Employer organisation
- Chamber of commerce
- Innovation centre

Factsheets:

<https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/competence-centres-social-innovation>

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