



**COST EMPOWER-SE WG2 Workshop  
“Social Enterprise in Social and Health Services”**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Frankfurt am Main / Germany  
27th February- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Co-organized by Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences and  
the EMES International Research Network

Working Group 2 of the COST Action "**Empowering the next generation of social enterprise scholars**" ([www.empowerse.eu](http://www.empowerse.eu)) invites you to submit a proposal to its second Workshop to take place from 27th of February to 1st of March 2019 in Frankfurt am Main/Germany.

**Rationale**

Social and Health Care systems have undergone rapid changes in the last two decades in most industrialized and transforming countries (e.g. cuts in spending, increasing demand, citizen-driven services, cross sectoral collaboration). Any transnational dialogue on social enterprises (SE) in these sectors comes up against epistemological as well as methodological challenges. Many of these arise from tensions between different theoretical traditions available for problematizing related issues and the diversity of national socio-institutional contexts. The key to further develop our transnational scientific understanding and possibly deepen cooperation, also with non-academic stakeholders, lies in understanding more about the different social constructions of concepts, and about the interaction between SE development and their ecosystems. Political, legal, financial and organizational dynamics need to be fully appreciated to assess opportunities and challenges, limits and strengths, impact and innovative potentials of SE in these fields.

**Thematic lines**

In the framework of the COST EMPOWER-SE Working Group 2 (general topic SE – Industries and Impact) we invite proposals for contributions to the **Workshop on Social Enterprise in Social and Health Services**. These can include national evidence or international comparative research dealing with:

1. **Theoretical and epistemological perspectives** derived from or foundation for recent and upcoming comparative research on SE in social and health services. This aims at narrowing the gap in systematic research generating good empirical data on SE versus problems related to socio-cultural and conceptual contexts as well as specific epistemological traditions.
2. **The role of SE in national welfare systems and their impact on service delivery** such as their evolution, traditions, organizational models and legal types, preferred fields of activities, initiators, member- and stakeholder-composition (user/citizens, staff/professionals), competitive situation, and quantitative or qualitative impact on specific social and health services as well as their specific ecosystems.
3. **SE governance and social service system challenges** *inter alia* changing public finance, the resulting challenges and opportunities for SE in social and health service, public law and fiscal framework influences on SE in welfare service delivery (e.g. not-for-profit or public benefit status versus commercial action), governance of SE in social and health care services, labor market and employment conditions, cross sectoral collaboration and coproduction.
4. **Innovative contributions to social and health services:** potential means of broadening/ maintaining service levels and access, creating service innovation, democratizing and diversifying social and health services, influencing policy development and local support mechanisms, furthering prevention and promotion, and the role of SE therein: communitarian aspects and case studies are welcome.

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## Publication opportunities

The results of this workshop will be published in a peer-reviewed manner. Full papers presented on time will be invited to join the publication following the workshop. More information will be provided to accepted authors.

## Important deadlines

[10 November 2018](#): Deadline for the submission of abstracts

[10 December 2018](#): Notification of acceptance to authors and publication of preliminary program

[04 February 2019](#): Full paper submission

[15 February 2019](#): Program published

[27 February 2019](#): Seminar begins

For any questions about this EMPOWER-SE WG 2 Workshop, please write to [empowese-socialservices@emes.net](mailto:empowese-socialservices@emes.net)