

# Social Firms Europe CEFEC

## Newsletter #8



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### 1. First call for the SFE CEFEC 2014 Conference



cooperation between ŠENT (Slovenia) and Legacoopsociali (Italy) and it will take place in the University of Gorizia.

The 2014 SFE CEFEC Conference will be organized in **Gorizia-Nova Goriza** (Slovenia and Italy) in the period **28-31 May 2014**. This event will be a

**The Conference is an excellent opportunity to meet experts from Europe and other parts of the world, working in the social economy field, and also representatives from European Union.**

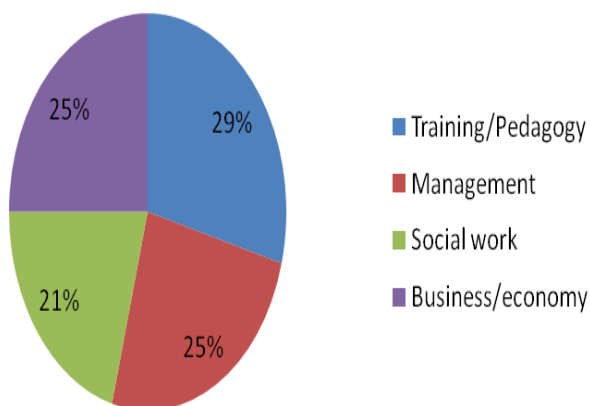
For those who are interested in participating at the 2014 SFE CEFEC Conference, please contact the Secretariat of SFE CEFEC and early next year, we will come with more details concerning the programme, the registration procedure and other practical details.



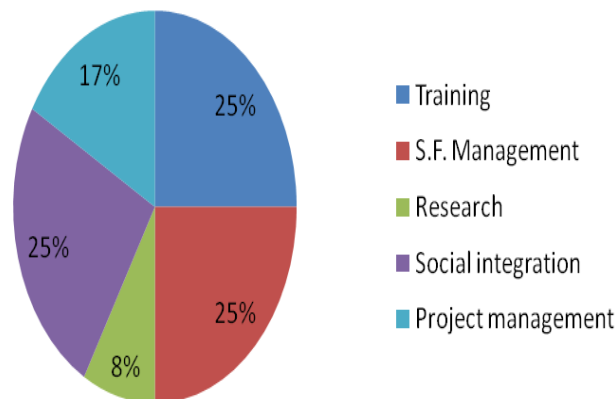
### 2. Results of expertise forms and satisfaction questionnaires

#### ✚ Expertise Forms

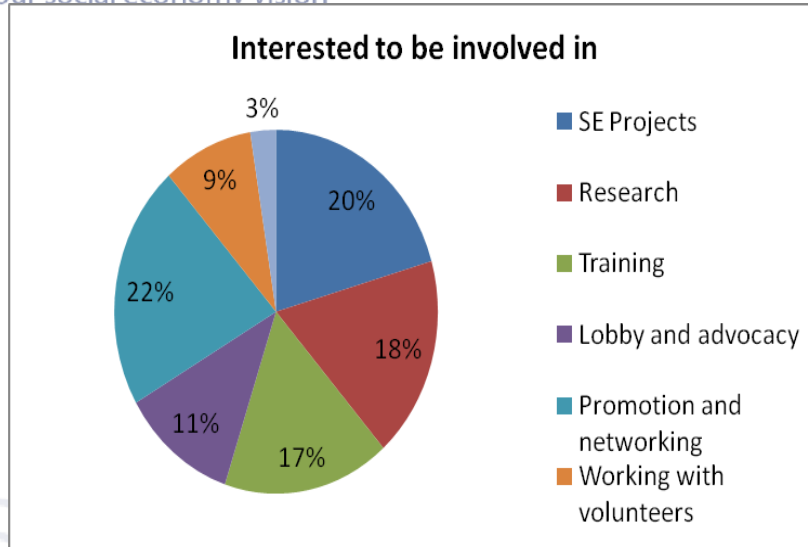
Qualifications of the SFE CEFEC members



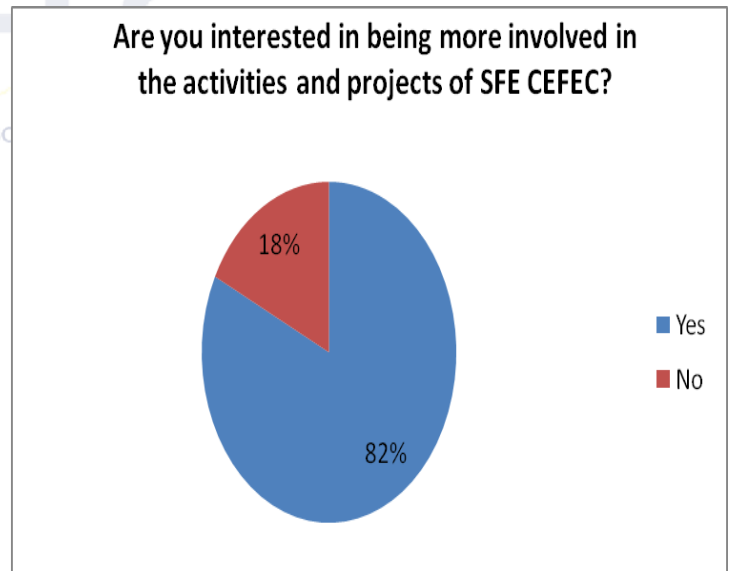
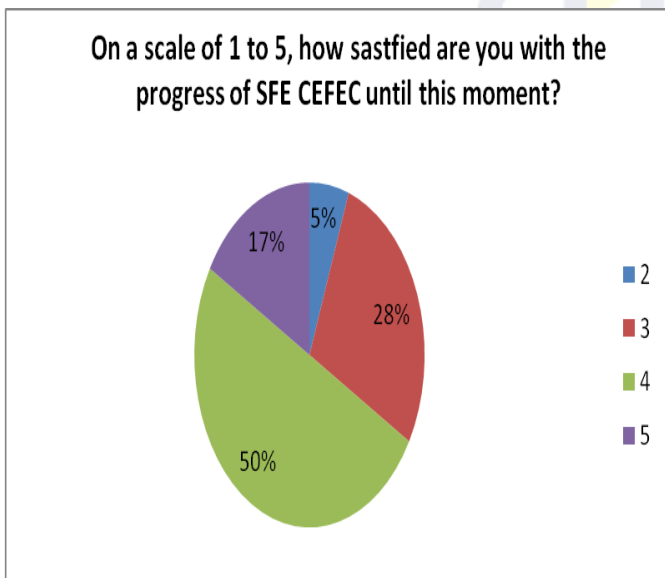
Expertise in working with vulnerable groups



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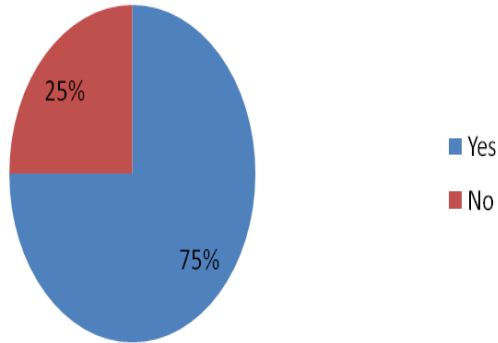


### ✚ Satisfaction questionnaires

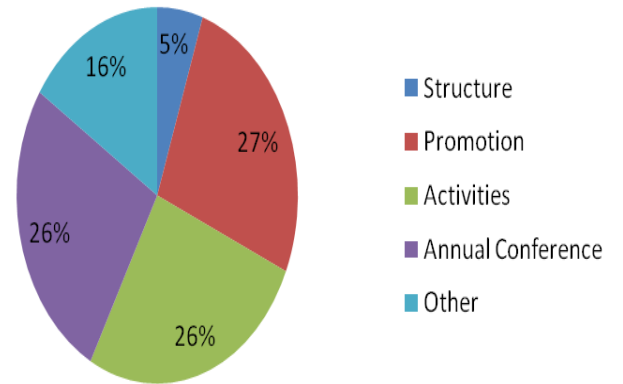


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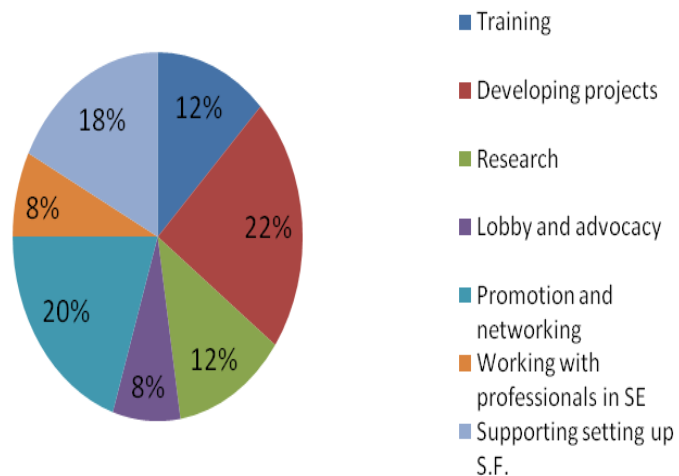
Is there necessary to make some changes for the development of SFE CEFEC?



What chages do you think that are necessary?



In which kind of activities/projects concerning social firms would you like to be involved?



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### 3. Conclusions of the 2013 SFE CEFEC Conference



The 2013 SFE CEFEC Conference took place in Corfu (Greece) in the period **18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September** and it was organized by the Pan-Hellenic Federation of Social Cooperatives, under the auspices of the Hellenic Ministry of Health, the Hellenic Ministry of Labour Social Security and Welfare, the Ionian University, the Municipality of Kerkyra and the Chamber of Corfu.

The organizers reported that there were 95 delegates, excluding the number of the invited persons of the local

authorities of Corfu, from **19 countries**: Austria, Czech Republic, Greece, Switzerland, Italy, Bulgaria, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Poland, Belgium, Japan, Slovenia, Germany, Finland, UK, Lithuania, Turkey, Portugal, and Croatia.

### 4. SFE CEFEC at International Conference in Poland

With the support of our Polish member, KLOS (Lodz, Poland), Social Firms Europe - CEFEC was presented at the II International Multi-Sector Conference of Social Enterprise [www.socialenterprises.pl/en](http://www.socialenterprises.pl/en) in Poland, Lodz **14 -15 November 2013**. It was a great opportunity offered by Social Support Association "Me-You-Us" (Stowarzyszenie Wsparcie Społeczne "Ja-Ty-My") to SFE-CEFEC General Secretary to present the power of our network in the plenary session and also answer to many questions on the Sectorial Group of Support Organization for Social Economy in Poland.



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### 5. EDF Board meeting in Lithuania

Our SFE CEFEC member, Mrs. Athena Frangouli, participated at the EDF Board meeting, which took place in **Vilnius, Lithuania, in the period 16-17 November 2013**. During the first day of the meeting, it took place a European Conference focusing on *Disability and sustainable development. A perspective from the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*. In the frame of the programme of the Lithuanian Presidency of the EU, the Lithuanian Minister



of Social Security and Labour, Algimanta Pabedinskiene, stressed the Lithuanian Presidency's commitment to a sustainable growth for Europe with the inclusion and active participation of persons with disabilities. In the frame of 2013 European Year of Citizens, EDF Board adopted a **statement** calling on the European Council, the European Commission, the European Parliament and all EU Member States **to involve persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in all decision making processes** at all levels.

Source of the photo: <https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanDisabilityForumEDF?fref=ts>

### 6. New project applied

#### ✚ ACCES PLUS, for an Inclusive Labor Market

Application date: August 2013

Promoter: City Hall of Siret city (Romania)

**Description:** sustaining educational development, labor market integration and reintegration of vulnerable people from the North-East and Central regions of Romania by offering support, training programs and training sessions in the workplace, developed by a professional international consortium.

### 7. The Code of Principles (SFE CEFEC Promotional Pack)

All in all, **the code of principles that govern CEFEC** has remained more important than the application forms to national and European funding bodies. Social Firms Europe CEFEC has grown and attracted people and organizations not only from Western Europe, but also from

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Eastern Europe and individual participants from far reaching countries such as Israel, Japan, Canada and USA.

**Social Firms Europe CEFEC** has become a movement believing in one major principle: to help organizations to establish social firms, to create employment for psychosocial disadvantaged people and thus giving them a chance for more independence from institutions and care systems. For social firms it is normal to create a good social atmosphere and leave space to each employee/user to develop his own capacity, knowledge and speed, as well as providing financial satisfaction. The economic basis & management plays as important a part as the social aims. The social firms and their programs aim to meet the needs of the employees, the local open market, cultural particularities and the needs to reform local systems for people severely disadvantaged in the labor market.

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