☒ I offer my expertise to participate as a Partner in a Horizon Europe Project
☐ I am planning to coordinate a project and I am looking for Project Partners

TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Social and Economic transformations;
- Innovative research on Social and Economic Transformation;
- Gender and social, economic and cultural empowerment;
- Promotion and dissemination of Ethical and Solidarity Finances in Portugal;
- Development of monetary instruments that allow an economy that works for people;
- Public policies that allow alternative and solidarity finances in Portugal.

PARTNER INFORMATION

FESCOOP, which is the Cooperative for the Development of Ethical and Solidarity Finances, was founded on 26th November of 2016, with 82 members. Currently, after 4 and a half years, there are already 122 members, including Third Sector entities, business entities and people from different backgrounds and fields of expertise, with intervention in different civil society projects. FESCOOP was founded with the principles and values of the Social and Solidarity Economy:
• Predominance of common interest and general interest over individual interest;
• The main objective is not profit (or lack of profit), but solidarity and cooperation objectives;
• Primacy the person over capital;
• Democratic management – “One person, one vote”;
• State autonomy concerning the management and internal decisions of the institutions;
• Voluntary membership.

And was created with the mission of enabling people and collective entities, whether cooperatives, NGOs or companies, to place their savings or resources at the service of social, environmental and cultural matters. In other words, putting Their savings or resources at the service of the common good, which translates into:
• Affordable financing for socially and/or traditionally excluded sectors;
• Rescue of indebted families and companies;
• Support to social sector entities;
• Support for job-creating business projects, under decent work criteria.

Description of the Legal Entity

☐ Higher Education Administration ☐ Research Institution ☐ Public
☐ Industry /SME ☒ NGO ☐ Other: Please specify

Description of the (Research) Team

FESCOOP’s team is composed of professionals with expertise in the economy field, and family and business over-indebtedness and ethical and social finance researching. Alternative and solidarity
finances, social science researching. Electronic Engineering and Telecommunications in the areas of quality and service experience and design of support processes.

**Expertise of the Team Leader**

The FESCOOP’s Team Leader have a Master degree in Social and Solidarity Economy and a PhD in African Studies and made two research studies, one about the impact of microcrédit, “Microcredit as an instrument to fight poverty and promote empowerment in Cape Verde: the case of CITI-Habitat”, and the other about the sustainability of microcredit sponsors, “The sustainability of microcredit concessionary NGOs - theoretical and practical implications and articulations”. She has been a Research Assistant since 2013 at CEI-IUL – Center for International Studies in the research group on Economics and Globalization and with her supervisor wrote the article "Informal economy and popular solidary credit experiences in Portuguese-speaking Africa" for number 7 of the Revista de Economia Solidária. She occasionally teaches, since 2015, in degrees and postgraduate courses in the areas of economics, management and social and solidarity economy. More recently work as executive director of FESCOOP.

**Potential role in the project**

- ☒ Research
- ☐ Training
- ☒ Dissemination
- ☐ Other: *Please specify*

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