

EPN – European Projects Network

About

European Projects Network a.s.b.l. (EPN) is an independent non-profit association based in Brussels and founded in 2018 which aims at *increasing the quality of projects of social value developed in the European framework.*

The main **purpose** of the association is to *help people and organisations in Europe in knowing the principles, values, functioning, dynamics and resources of the European Union and in accessing the opportunities offered by it and by public authorities at all levels (local, regional, national) in an autonomous, project-based and collaborative way to contribute more effectively to the well-being of the community.*

Foundation of our work is “working by projects” because we conceive a **project** as a *flexible and practical way to co-construct shared environments.* All our actions are defined and measured in terms of time, activities, resources, objectives, conditions, risks, competencies, methods, tasks and responsibilities and the scientific way we work allows us to offer a clear and transparent collaboration to our collaborators.

EPN refers mainly to the **European framework** with the idea of guiding citizens in a participated but critical co-construction of Europe. As attested by the very name of the association, our common **objective** is *developing a network of people and organisations in Europe who collaborate in a constructive way in the name of collective wellbeing through the Collaborative Project Management approach.* The main **function** of the association is, thus, that of *social capital.*

The leading **value** of the association is *social cohesion* and the **main themes** are *management of projects of social value and European citizenship.*

EPN pursues its purpose by carrying out various **activities**:

- *education on European values and dynamics,*
- *management of projects in the European framework, and*
- *research and dissemination on issues of social interest.*

Our main **asset** is the *Collaborative Project Management approach (CPM)*, a sound and comprehensive method that we have been developing over the years to improve the **quality** of projects in terms of *impact* and *ethical standards.*

Besides those of *Project Manager* and *Project Agent*, any natural or legal person member of the association can cover one or more of the following **roles** in relation to each of our projects: *Project Promoter; Developer; Applicant; Partner; Adviser; Sponsor; Supporter; Expert; Apprentice; Observer.*

The activities are addressed at two groups of **beneficiaries**:

- we help *young people* in developing project management skills to be applied in their local contexts (schools, voluntary organisations, leisure time, personal or group creative projects, etc.) with the idea of raising awareness and let them influence their environments in a proactive, constructive and collaborative way;
- we help *people working in civil society organisations* in accessing the opportunities made available by public authorities at all levels to be supported in having a greater impact through their organisation.

As the application of principles, methods, procedures and tools of project management is *per se* an important added value in all domains of social benefit, the association recognizes as core **ethical dimension** of its work the very fact of *working through projects in a collaborative and transparent way*. We deem *clear and equitable distribution of resources and responsibilities* an essential feature of all projects of social benefit and we collaborate only where *independence and impartiality are guaranteed*. Nevertheless, each member of the association has specific values and interests that pursues independently through his/her projects. At present, some of the key **issues** on which we are working are *equal opportunities; gender equity; creativity; social inclusion in relation to migratory phenomena; entrepreneurship; transnational mobility and sports for differently-abled people; civic and democratic participation; ethical dimension of the policies of the European Union.*

EPN is thus committed to supporting the organisations with which it collaborates with a **spirit of trust and transparency**.