

Project name Investing in the future of social economy in Flanders

Coordinateur Trividend

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Partners

- Hefboom CVBA
- Trividend Provincie Antwerpen CVBA

Description of the project

Trividend was founded in 2001 as an investment fund for the social economy in Flanders, Belgium. Thanks to the support of the Flemish authorities, Trividend can focus on initial investments and small tickets (€50,000 to €450,000). By combining investments in early-stage companies, small tickets and social impact, Trividend offers financing in a niche where few offers exist.

For a number of years, Trividend has been focused on reviving growth. A capital increase in 2019 provided additional resources to make this growth possible. The project funded by EaSI Investing in the future of social economy in Flanders has made it possible, with co-financing from Flanders, to strengthen the organisation in every aspect. This was necessary to prove its ambition to fully focus on the growth of the portfolio as well as the support and monitoring of companies in the portfolio.

This action has enabled Trividend to significantly increase its visibility with the social economy and social entrepreneurs in general. In addition to increasing its own visibility, Trividend has also focused on preparing social enterprises for external investment, professionalizing the internal functioning and strengthening the support ecosystem. Therefore, different work modules focused on reducing transaction fees for the entire social finance market.

The project has 7 work packages:

- Development of an online tool for social economy enterprises to help them find the best financier
- Benchmarking instruments for social economy enterprises
- Collective support for social enterprises
- Individual support for social enterprises
- More efficient analysis of investments and contracts
- Impact management
- International knowledge sharing

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