

SERIGO - Social Economy for Resilience, Inclusion and Good life in Rural areas



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About SERIGO



SERIGO aims to enhance resilience, **social inclusion**, and well-being of vulnerable groups in European **rural areas** through **socially innovative solutions** initiated by or involving actors from the social economy.

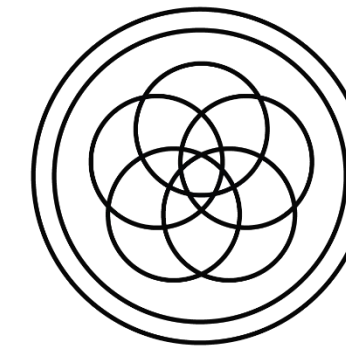
The project is:

- Conducting **community-based participatory research** through **case studies** from across Europe and **pilots testing** in five EU Member States.
- **Fostering debates and collaboration** on the topic among diverse stakeholders in Europe.
- **Providing policymakers with recommendations** for policy development around social inclusion in rural areas.

SERIGO is committed to harnessing the capabilities of social economy actors to drive inclusive development initiatives and support vulnerable groups in rural areas.



Partners

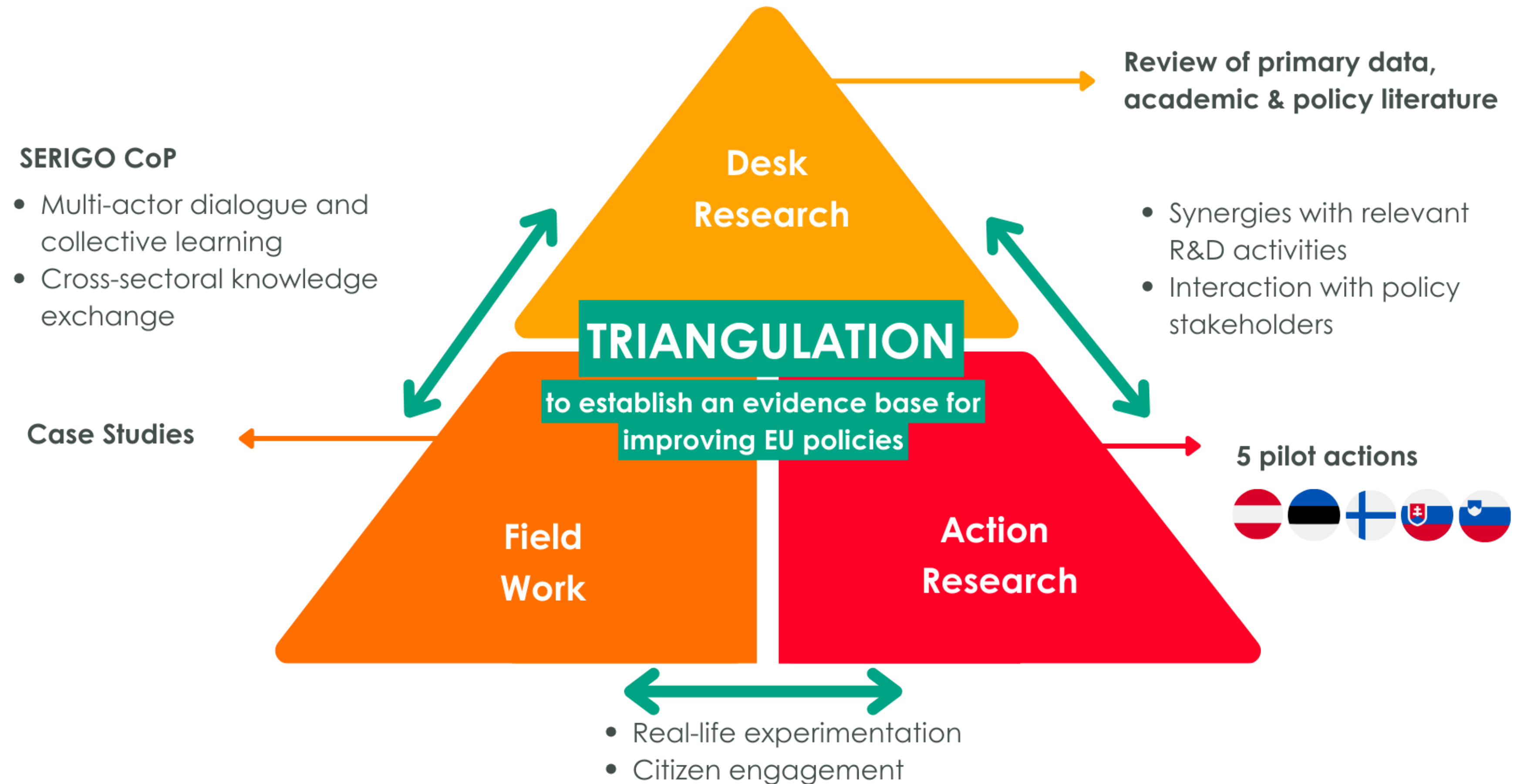


UEF as leading partner, 17 partners total from 11 countries (AT, BE, EE, ES, FI, IE, IT, NL, SI, SK, TR)

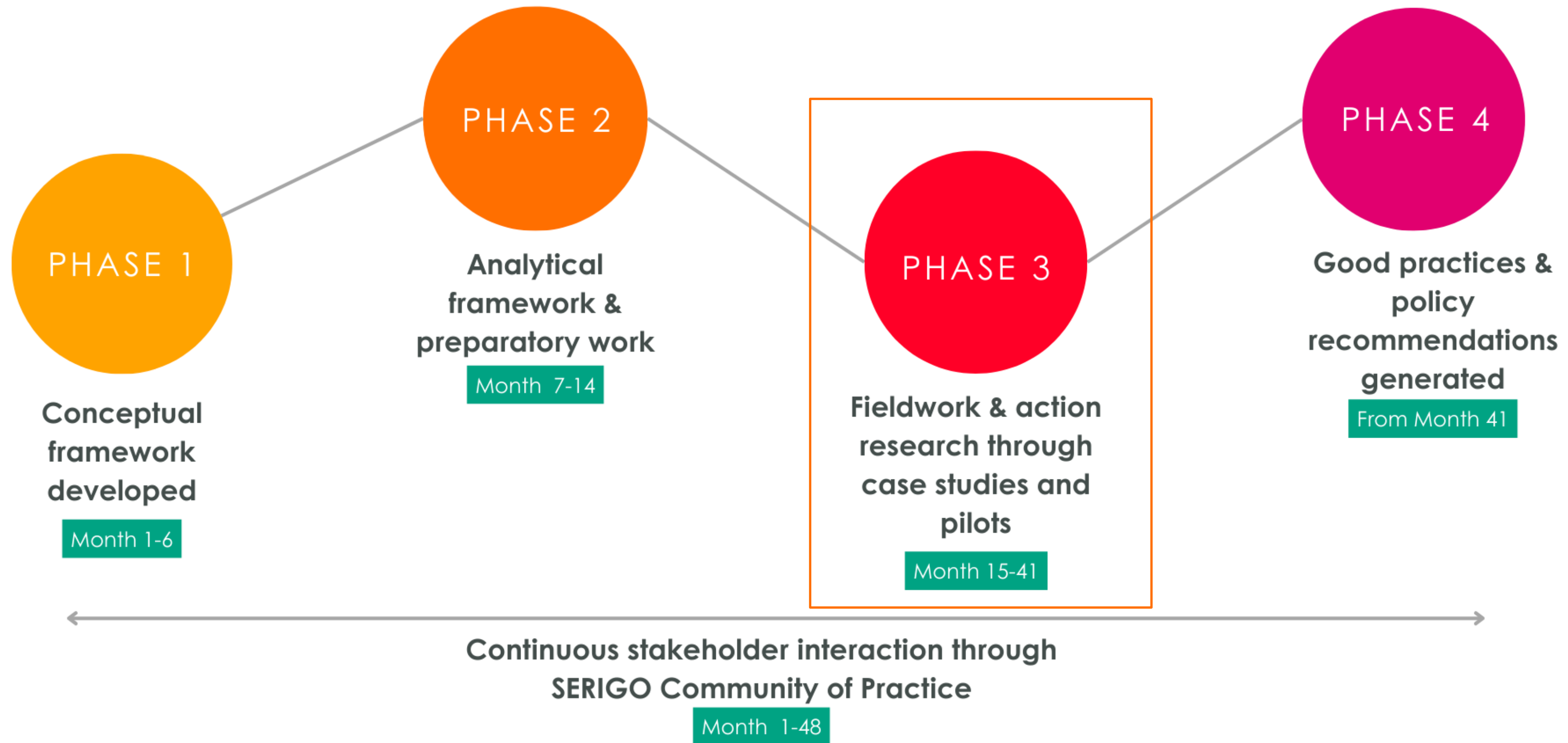
Objectives

- 01** Analyse the **drivers of social exclusion** and forms of vulnerability among people in different rural areas.
- 02** Explore the capacity and limitations of **innovative social economy solutions** in enhancing social inclusion and equitability in rural areas.
- 03** Identify potential gaps and **benchmark the policies and practices** that promote the social economy at EU, national, regional, and local levels.
- 04** **Co-design five experimental pilots** that implement socially innovative solutions supporting vulnerable groups and promoting their social inclusion.
- 05** **Co-create and validate policy recommendations** on how to better meet the needs of vulnerable groups and create an enabling framework for up-scaling social innovation in rural areas.

Methodology

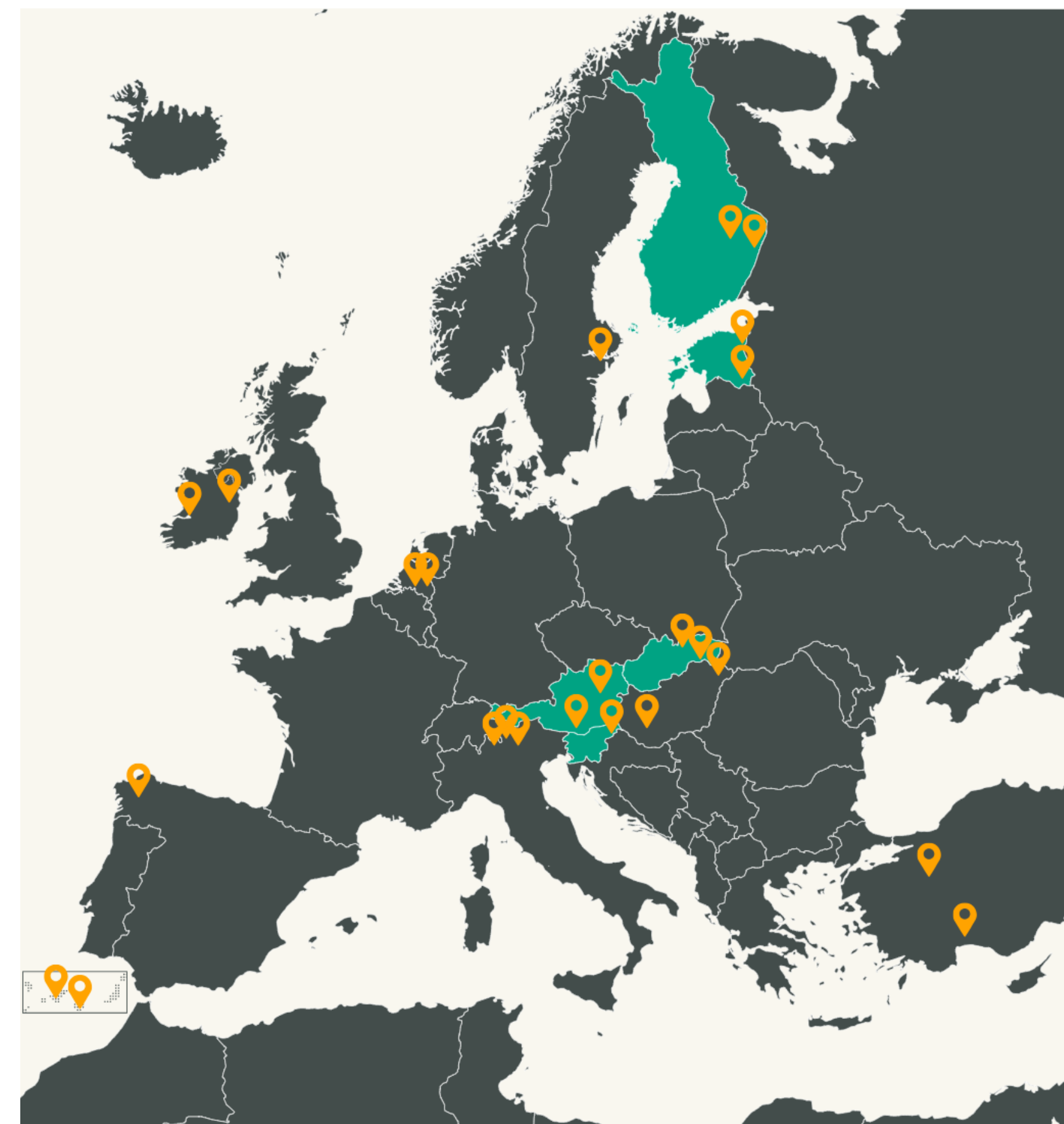


Work Plan



Pilots & Case Studies


- SERIGO is co-creating **five experimental pilot actions** aimed at implementing socially innovative solutions and providing support to vulnerable groups in **Austria, Estonia, Finland, Slovakia, and Slovenia**.
- These pilots are empowering participants through **multi-actor co-creation laboratories**, improving social inclusion and encouraging active engagement within their communities.
- SERIGO is analysing empirical data from **24 case studies and 12 countries** on social economy solutions implemented in local contexts. SERIGO will investigate framework conditions leading to social exclusion, drivers and potential of the social innovation in improving vulnerable groups' situation.



■ Pilot actions
● Case Studies

Austria pilot partner

Diakonie de La Tour
Department for Asylum, Migration & Integration Services

- Based in **southern Austria**
- **4 Subdivisions** (Housing and Outreach Work, Educational Offers, Integration Work, Social Counselling)
- 59 employees in 17 facilities and/or programs, around 3.000 clients p. a.
- **More Info?**  tiny.cc/fb-ami



Austria pilot

- **Location:** Villach, State of Carinthia, Austria
- **Vulnerable group:** Migrant and refugee women
- **Solution:** A programme tailored for marginalised mothers among **refugee and migrant women**. In **partnership** with the ReBoLA **intercultural garden**, this pilot action embraces a participatory approach. It supports women to self-organise and define their goals while offering **basic literacy modules** and **workshops**. The overarching aim is to develop a female **self-empowerment network in the region**.

- **Benefits:**



Vulnerable
groups
empowerment



Access to
training &
mentoring



Community of Practice (CoP)

Social Innovation for inclusion of vulnerable groups in rural areas

- The SERIGO CoP is a dynamic community where we come together to **share knowledge and learn** from each other.
- Our platform links people from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise across Europe, including those involved in research, policy-making / advising, and social economy initiatives.
- The primary goal of this CoP is to **co-create and validate key research and policy findings** from the SERIGO project, facilitate knowledge transfer, and enable peer-learning among members.



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