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## A tournament to recognise the best european social entrepreneurs

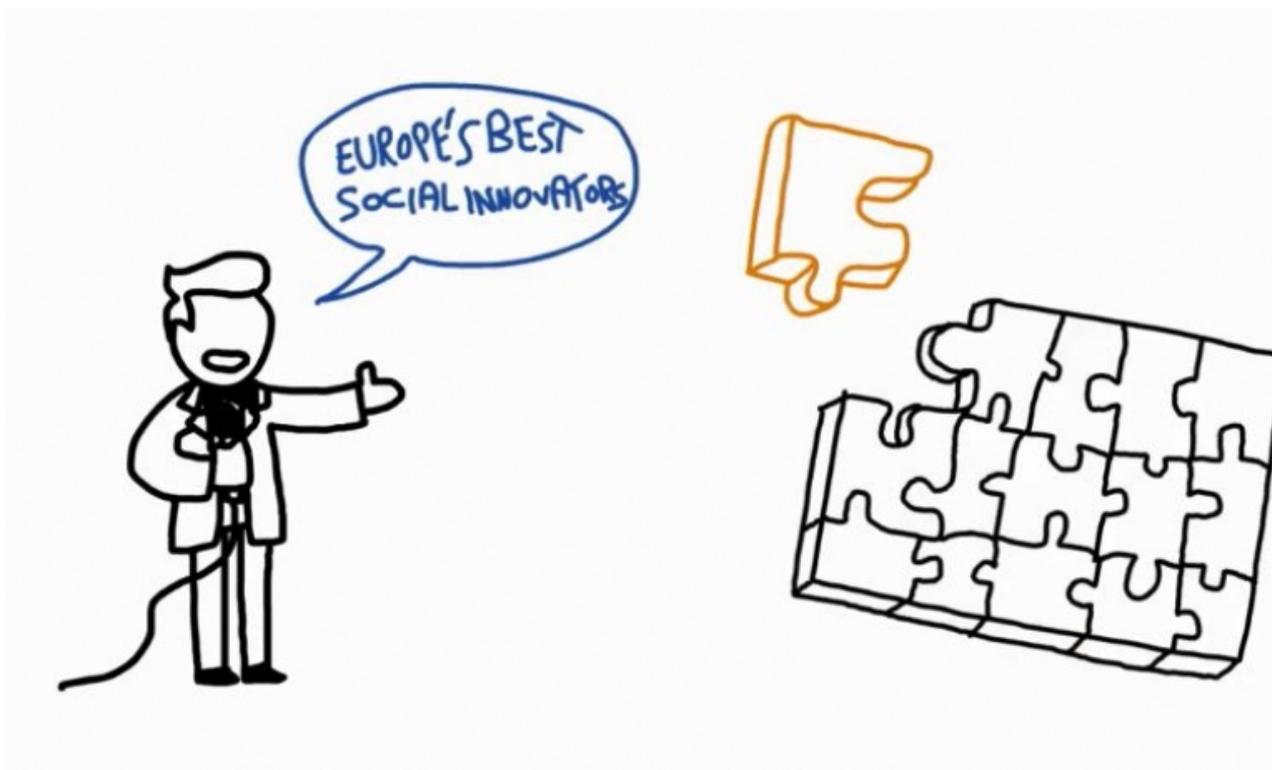


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The winners of the Social Innovation Tournament 2017. Source: EIB.



The tournament recognises and supports the best European social entrepreneurs. Source: EIB.

The Social Innovation Tournament promotes the generation of innovative ideas that create social and environmental impact.

**Copenhagen** will host the [Social Innovation Tournament 2018](#), an initiative which recognises and supports the **best European social entrepreneurs**. It is organised in a different country every year to reward and sponsor European entrepreneurs whose primary purpose is to **generate a social, ethical or environmental impact**.

Projects are typically related to **combating unemployment, marginalisation of disadvantaged communities** and promoting access to education in a wide range of fields, from education and health care to the natural or urban environment, using new technologies, new systems, and new processes. All projects compete for the **General Category** and **Special Category 1st and 2nd Prizes** of EUR 50 000 and EUR 20 000 respectively.

In 2018, the Special Category Prizes will go to projects focusing on **sustainable development** with special emphasis on **circular economy**. Projects also compete for a residency at IRIS (Incubadora Regional de Inovação Social) and for numerous mentoring vouchers.

If you are interested in [applying for the 2018's edition](#), applications are open **from 1 February to 6 March 2018**.

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## Social Innovation Tournament 2017

[Complex Disease Detector](#) from Sweden, [ColorADD](#) (Portugal), [The FreeBird Club](#) (Ireland) and [Walk With Path](#) (United Kingdom) were the winners of the **Social Innovation Tournament 2017** which took place on 21 September in Riga, Latvia.

For details on the [2017 Social Innovation Tournament](#).

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