



Workshop hosted by Cork City Council:

Fostering Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Post-Covid 19

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Cork City Council's Economic Development Section hosted a very successful workshop today, as part of the EU supported FOSO-POCO Project, which is looking at developing policies in the area of support for social enterprise. The Project partners are: Cork City Council, Tartu City Council, Estonia and Malta Enterprises, Malta. Today's on-line workshop focused on the theme of *Fostering Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Post-Covid 19*. Over 40 people from Ireland, Estonia and Malta attended the workshop where they received presentations on the Irish and Cork eco systems for social enterprises and case study presentations from: Rethink Ireland, Metiheal Mara, Cork Deaf Enterprises and Northside for Business. A keynote address was given by **Mikel Irujo Amezaga**, Minister for Economic and Business Development in the

Regional Government of Navarre in Spain and Rapporteur European Committee of the Regions on the renowned role that social enterprises play in Navarre, Northern Spain.

Mr Donal Guerin from the Economic Development Section of Cork City Council who organized the workshop said “The workshop brought together practitioners in the field of social enterprise from right across the EU. We learned that we face many of the same challenges arising from Covid-19, but there was agreement that social enterprises will play a major role in leading the recovery”.

Further details on the FOSO Project can be found at:

<https://www.corkcity.ie/en/doing-business-in-cork/european-projects/foso-poco>

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