



## **FOR THE FIRST TIME COMMISSIONER MOEDAS SIGNALS SUPPORT FOR A DECLARATION FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION IN EUROPE**

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**Yesterday Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation publically signalled support for Europe's first cross-sector, citizen-led Declaration for Social Innovation at the Web Summit in Lisbon.** The #SIDeclaration sets out core values for European policy makers to follow as they negotiate the new EU budget and programming.

The Social Innovation Declaration (#SIDeclaration) has been signed by more than 500 people across Europe in a variety of sectors and countries.

*'Acknowledging the terrific work of the Social Innovation Community on the #SIDeclaration. Their efforts help policymakers and the European Commission to create a new path to a fairer, more inclusive Europe'.*

*"The EU will put more money in social innovation not because it's trendy, but because we feel social innovation is the future"*

**Carlos Moedas**, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission.

*"Innovation is for everyone. The "Social Triple A" is a must for Europe."*

**Maria Manuel Leitão Marques**, Minister of the Presidency and Administrative Modernisation of Portugal, Portuguese Government.

*"Some industries have fantastically well-funded machines to lobby Brussels. Civil society has little comparable. This declaration marks a big step forward: as an expression of the growing social innovation community right across Europe and because it prompts recognition from the Commission of a vital truth: that growth and technological innovation without more social innovation risks only widening inequalities and social divides. "*

**Geoff Mulgan**, CEO, Nesta UK

### **About the declaration:**

The [#SIDeclaration](#), officially known as The Lisbon Declaration - Social Innovation as a Path to a Fairer, More Inclusive Europe offers 3 principles, 5 key priorities and 10 practical policy recommendations. This has been shaped through 12 months of consultations, and reflect inputs from over 350 people from over 19 member countries.

The Declaration sets out a vision for Europe where:

- Civil society, non-state actors and local communities are empowered to define and address challenges that matter to them, such as climate change;
- Research and innovation gives greater recognition to the contribution of civil society and the wider public;
- Mainstream innovators (like technologists, firms and research organisations) take up a key role in driving direct societal benefits

The Declaration was launched at the Social Innovation Village at the Web Summit 2018 hosted by the [Social Good Accelerator](#) - a French initiative of European Interest.



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### **About SIC**

[Social Innovation Community \(SIC\)](#) is a Horizon 2020 funded project aiming to help deepen knowledge and capacity to act and grow social innovation and to support public and other decision-makers to work with social innovators more effectively in solving public challenges.

SIC started from the premise that we need more open innovation approaches to effectively address societal challenges. Over a three year period (2016- 2019) SIC has run a series of on- and offline activities - including practical place-based experimentation, learning, policy and research.

SIC is run by a consortium of 12 leading organisations across Europe. Partners are [AEIDL](#), [TU Dortmund University](#), [University of Bologna](#), [The Young Foundation](#), [Nesta](#), [Social Innovation Lab](#), [The Dutch Research Institute for Transitions](#), [Sinnergiak UPV/EHU](#), [ZSI](#), [The Danish Technological Institute](#), [REVES](#) and [Social Innovation Exchange](#). Read more [here](#)

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