

Enterprise Northern Ireland responds as follows to the consultation process for the Social Economy Enterprise Strategy 2009-2011

1. Enterprise Northern Ireland (ENI) has held the contract for the Invest NI funded Social Entrepreneurship Programme (SEP) for the past five years and as such deserves to be mentioned in the SEE Strategy in its own right. ENI delivers SEP throughout Northern Ireland via its 32 member local enterprise agencies.
2. There does not appear to be any “new money” set aside for the SEE Strategy, 2009-2011. If the Executive is serious about “growing a dynamic, innovative economy” then additional funding must be set aside.
3. The SEE Strategy appears to be focused mainly on existing social enterprises. ENI would contend that more emphasis needs to be placed on supporting new social enterprises to compliment the Programme for Government objective of developing an enterprise culture in Northern Ireland.
4. ENI contends that Deti must retain a policy role in any future SEE Strategy to ensure consistency of delivery of interventions in the new eleven council structure in Northern Ireland.
5. ENI welcomes the regional and local consultation events across Northern Ireland to garner ideas on specific actions from stakeholder groups.

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