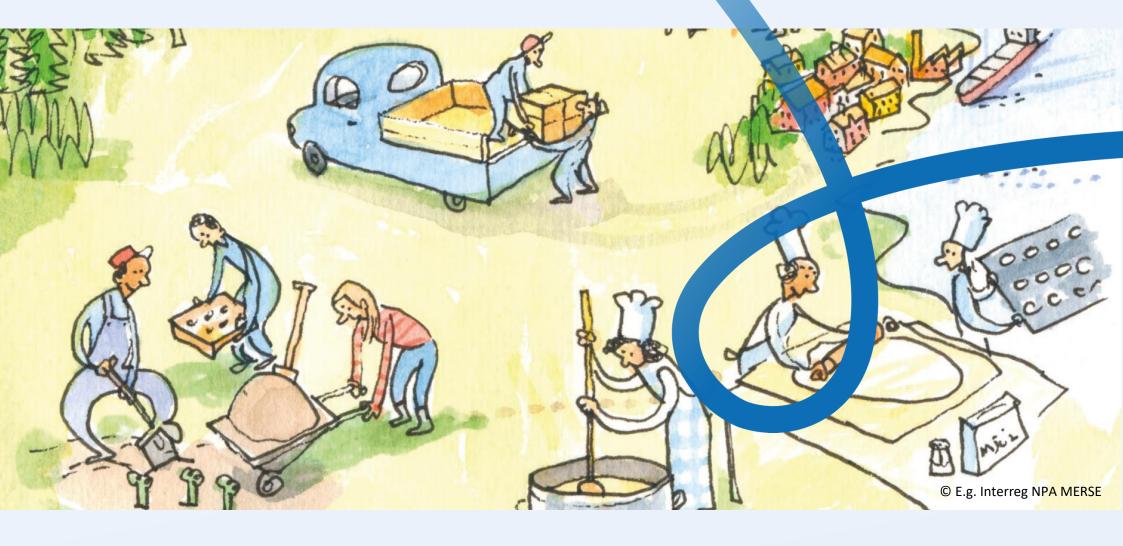


Northern Periphery and Arctic



MERSE

Business Models Empowering Rural Social Entrepreneurship – voicing the rural norm

The objective of MERSE is to make it easier to start and develop social enterprises in rural areas. There is a need for simple, easily adapted tools to make social entrepreneurs' social impact sustainable and legitimate as local value contributors.



MERSE will study how social entrepreneurship in rural areas can be stimulated and developed. By involving social entrepreneurs, civil society, public sector, business advisers and academics in five different countries, the project will provide a knowledge base to identify 'best practice' in how to support this industry.

Partnership

Mid Sweden University, Sweden

Coompanion Mid-Sweden, Sweden

Ruralia Institute/University of Helsinki, Finland

KBT Vocational College, Norway

Vestfjardastofa, Iceland

Údarás na Gaeltachta, Ireland

Östersund municipality, Sweden

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Lapland University of Applied Sciences, Finland

Frøya municipality, Norway

Indre Fosen municipality, Norway

Halti kvenkultursenter IKS, Norway

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