SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Janis Balodis, University of Regensburg, Germany, e-mail: <u>jaanisb2@inbox.lv</u>

Guntis Solks, University of Latvia,

Latvia, e-mail: <u>guntis.solks@inbox.lv</u>

- Sociology is the science of 1) society, of 2) social relations and of
 3) social institutions.
- Social phenomena which is related with sociality, sociability and social embeddedness.

THEORY AND DEFINITIONS

Social capital - features of social organization such as 1) networks, 2) norms, and 3) social trust.

Social capital is never completely independent

Social capital ---- trust-----1) Economics – transition costs

2) Political science - institutions

3) Sociology – norms

SOCIAL CAPITAL (ZIMMERMANN., JANSCHITZ, 2002)

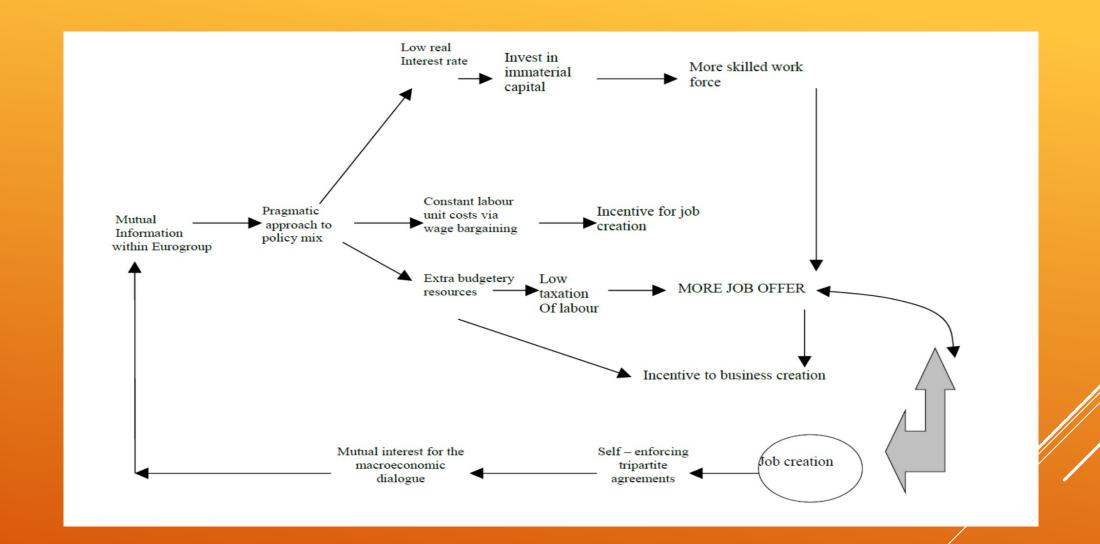
- DEVELOPMENT TOOL, WHERE IS INVOLVED MICRO SCALE
 ENTREPREUNERSHIP (WITH SOCIAL CAPITAL) ACTIVITIES AND
 SOCIABILITY.
- Local development is a promising choice for such an integrating paradigm.
- LOCAL
 DEVELOPMENT

- a first phase of building ground in the community,
- > a second phase of further community development,
- > a third phase of establishing a working community economy

WHAT IS SOCIAL ENTREPREUNER AND WHAT IS THE DISTINCTION FROM ENTERPREUNER? (BANSKI & JANICKI, 2013)

- From macro to micro scale entrepreinership;
- From group to individual interests;
- Innovation as a priority;
- Specialization as a priority;
- Gender balance as a priority;

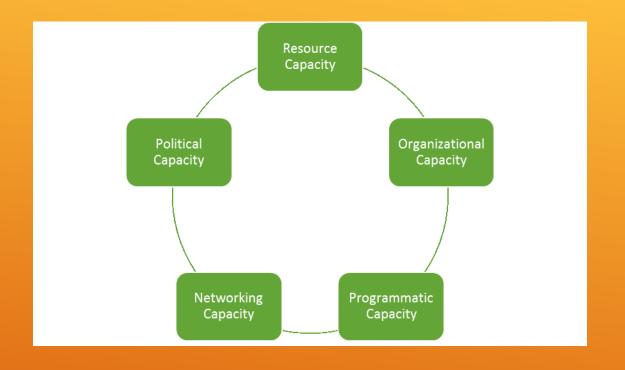
WHAT IS SOCIAL ENTREPREUNER AND WHAT IS THE DISTINCTION FROM ENTERPREUNER?



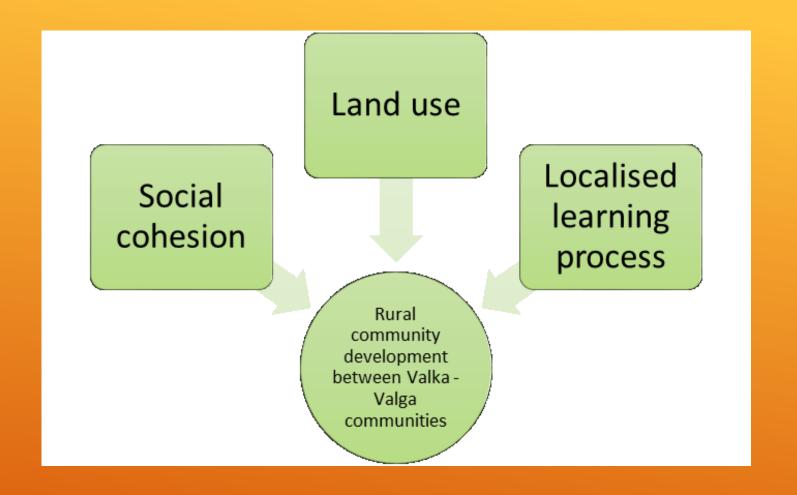
HARD TO EXPLAIN!!! (ZIMMERMANN., JANSCHITZ, 2001)

- The needs of each local community must be the focal point when creating stability in fragile states (Chiarversio., Di Maria., Micelli, 2010).
- Made interaction between candidate centred politics, cross border and federalism concept is to talk about
- ▶ 1) decentralisation,
- 2) social cohesion,
- ▶ 3) local development,
- ▶ 4) co twinning concept as a main instruments for cross border cooperation between regions and municipalities.
- Fiscal federalism and regional self financel models are the basis for independent actions for localized learning process and social cohesion implementation in the further action plan development.

SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP AS TOOL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (SMITH, 2013)



SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP AS TOOL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ZIMMERMANN., JANSCHITZ, 2002)



SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP AS TOOL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (TESTART, 2013)

- The Europe 2020 strategy identifies three key drivers for growth, to be implemented through concrete actions at EU and national levels:
- smart growth (fostering knowledge, innovation, education and digital society);
- sustainable growth (making our production more resource efficient while boosting our competitiveness) and:
- inclusive growth (raising participation in the labour market, the acquisition of skills and the fight against poverty);
- > SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP MEANS ECONOMICAL GROWTH

SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP AS A REGIONAL ISSUE

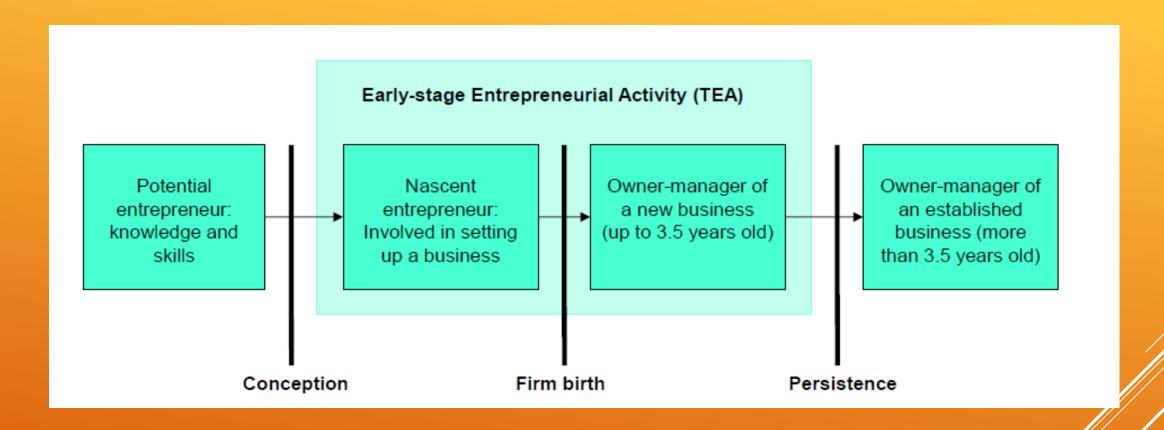
- Enforce deregulation to increase competitiveness;
- Renew old structures and adapt to new needs;
- Reduce bloated bureaucracies of administration;
- Increase flexibility and efficiency;
- Incfease business friendliness of legal structures;
- Enforce private actions by empowering the peopl;
- Deal with life long learning;

SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP AS A GLOBAL ISSUE

►IDEA BUSINESS PLAN

- ▶ Stage 1: Organizing the Effort
- Stage 2: Doing the Local Economy (Competitiveness) Assessment
- ▶ Stage 3: Creating the LED Strategy
- Stage 4: Implementing the LED Strategy
- Stage 5: Reviewing the LED Strategy

HOW TO CREATE SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP? (ATHIAS, 2013)



COMPONENTS FOR ENTREPREUNERSHIP (BRIXY, 2014)

- 1. State or governmental financial resources (subsidies) -
- 2. Municipal and local government resources (decentralized financial resources)
- 3. International and regional funds Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is in a investment in a foreih=gn company where the foreign investor owns at least 10% of the ordinary shares, undertaken with the objective of establishing a "lasting interest" in he country, a long term relationship and significant influence on the management of the firm. FDI firms include equity capital, reinvested earnings and other direct investment capital (Blatter, 2000).
- 4. Private funds (investments) local entrepreneurs and

FINANCIAL RESOURCES (CAPITAL)

- Visualization using step by step.
- This model allows for flexibility and short response times that large firms with fixed assembly lines are often unable to provide. It is important to point out that firms are interdependent, but do not necessarily have relations of dependency.

SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP MODEL AND PARTICULAR STEPS

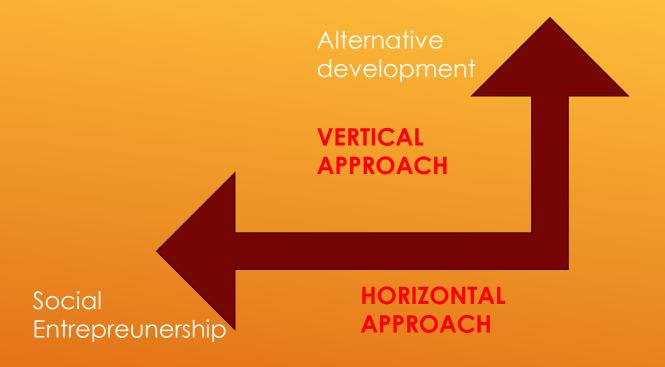
- 1. systems in which many small firms are simply direct competitors for the same product and have just a few, or no, reciprocal relationships, such as systems of monosectorial craftsmen, or sectors with low scale, but rigid productive cycles;
- 2. systems of the same type, but with one, or a handful, of micro size firms emerging as local leaders;
- > 3. systems based exclusively on small and micro firms with intense reciprocal relationships of subcontracting;
- 4. subcontracting systems located around one, or several, large main contractors;
- > 5. systems based on specialized medium-sized companies and articulated in complementary businesses in differentiated market niches;

SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP SYSTEMS

- Alternative development as a loose profile, a paradigm, and a post-paradigmatic way of thinking about alternative development.
- Alternative development has chemistry, reasoning and limitations.
- Alternative development has been concerned with alternative practices of development 1) participatory and 2) people-centred.



ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP



ALTERNATIVE
DEVELOPMENT AND
SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP
(ZIMMERMANN.,
JANSCHITZ, 2000)

MODELS	GROWTH	SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
Objectives	Accumulation	Capacitation. Human development
Resources	Capital, technology, trade, foreign investment, external expertise	Human skills, local resources, social capital, local knowledge
Features	Growth-led	Equity-led
Agency	State-led. Or market-led. Development banks	People, community. Synergies society, government, business
Epistemology	Science	Critique of science and indigenous knowledge
Modalities	Exogenous examples, demonstration effect, technology transfer. Modernity vs. tradition	Endogenous development, modernization from within. Modernization of tradition
Methods	Import substitution industrialization, export-led growth, growth poles, innovation, SAP	Participation, micro credit, sustainability, democratization
Social policy	Trickle-down, Safety net	Trickle-up: Social capacitation through redistribution
Development co- operation	Aid, assistance	Partnership, mutual obligation.
Indicators	GDP	Green GDP. HDI. Institutional densities

"The heart of development is institutions and politics, not money and technology, though the latter are undeniably important"

IMPORTANT!!!

- An intermediate option is the `growth plus' approach:
- ▶ 1) growth plus redistribution,
- > 2) participation,
- > 3) human development, or
- > 4) `sustainable growth'.

MAINSTREAM DEVELOPMENT, WHERE SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP

- ▶ 1. Subnational authorities throughout the EU have been involved in this policy area;
- ➤ 2. That such involvement has allowed them to mobilize at the EU level in a number of novel ways;
- > 3. That they have thus managed to entertain relations with European institutions and other subnational authorities that they would have hardly entertained had it not been for this policy;
- ► 4. That such participation has represented an opportunity for creating, reviving, or intensifying their linkages with their respective societies;

SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP IN EU LEVEL

- 1. Static and dynamic efficiency of SE projects;
- 2. Mobile factors in SE project;
- 3. Theorethical steps for SE;
- 4. Methodology for starting SE;
- 5. The Motivation for SE plan and strategy;
- 6. Factors of SE project;

CONTENTS:

Social Entrepreneurship project is a highly practical program focused on how to apply business skills to important global social problems.

WHAT IS SOCIAL ENTREPREUNERSHIP PROJECT?

	Static efficiency	Dynamic efficiency
Goals	Short – term optimization,	Long – term development
	(budgetary savings, time	(development smoothing,
	saving etc.)	choice broadening, protecting
		non – market values)
Instruments	Technical feasibility analysis,	Commitment, credibility,
	public providers and market	reputation
	actors	
Constraints	Existing financial and human	Institutions, informal
	resources, administrative	cooperation patterns
	procedures	

STATIC AND DYNAMIC EFFICIENCY OF SE PROJECTS (DALLAGO., BLOKKER, 2009)

- Economic structures and the rise of the service economy there has been a growing recognition that:
- i) mobile factors of economic development have smaller weight for an overall well being of the society than had been believed; and
- ii) mobile factors of production are attracted not only by cost advantages – social and cultural factors.

MOBILE FACTORS IN SE PROJECT (TESTART, 2013)

Trustness, Investment,	Locality, Objective,	Business, Investment,
Loyality, Trade (TILT – related	Cooperation (LOC – related	Management (BIM – related
Local Policy Governance LPG)	Local Policy Governance LPG)	Local Policy Governance LPG)
Good social communication	Strong local political	Compotent local administration
and open local debate	associations	
Active cultural institutions (e.g.	Strong local cultural	Dense network of business
local museum)	associations	support institutions
High – quality educational	Existing local traditions of	Light administration with little
instututions	mutual help	red tape
Producers and products with	Culture of cooperation and	Spending transparency/no
high regional identification	consensus orientation of local	corruption
	leaders	

IMPORTANT ASPECTS FOR SE PROJECT (DALLAGO., BLOKKER, 2009)

- > 1. Create particular stages of public deliberation by local societal members, where will be discussions how to make a solutions for problem issues.
- ► 2. Establish neighborhood network which will consist by the local communities from both sites of borderland sites.
- > 3. Build "social mapping" strategy, like provide a information from locals, where is problematic areas in the urban and rural areas (like damaged public spaces).
- Create a consensus strategy which will be created by local NGO's,

THEORETHICAL STEPS FOR SE (CHESSHIRE., DURANTON, 2004)

- Identify the problem naming is the first step towards for common understanding.
- Consider relevant macro factors socioeconomic data, distribution (%) of land use, population and demographic information.
- Determine who is affected by the problem which groups or local societies are affected by the particular problem.

METHODOLOGY FOR STARTING SE (PADOVANO, 2007)

- ▶ 1. Improved socioeconomical situation;
- Creation for new job places (1.1);
- Provide sustainable commercial sites and "employment lands" in strategic areas (1.2).
- Increase innovation and skills development (1.3).
- Improve opportunities and access to jobs for disadvantaged communities (1.4).

- ▶ 2. Improved local skills and employability for local planning;
- > Supporting rural tourism (2.1).
- Supporting traditional craft (2.2).

- > 3. Establish a structure for monitoring of local governance, to create a good governance;
- Implement good governance (consensus oriented, participatory, follows of the rules of law, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive, responsive and transparent) (3.1).
- ▶ 4. Post industrial zone revilitization, like former peat extraction;
- Provide advanced economical and financial condotions for two different stages of the local economy growth and decline (4.1).

- > 5. Environmental protection and waste management;
- Ecological ~ social capacity is one of the primary problem issuses as the former Peat polder towns were built on top of the agricultural pattern, often retaining it, while settlements in drained peat lakes were developed as part of the landscape (5.1).

- ▶ 6.Build a successful community coalition that involves all relevant sectors of the community to address violence in the community. There should implement key aspects from Rio + 20 strategy. The following 8 criteria should be considered as key for models (6.1):
- > 6.1. Attractive smart, innovative and inclusive process of local growth
- 6.2. Accepted confirmed by local people and active participation from local citizens
- 6.3. Realistic practical implementing projects, which is based on local knowledge;
- ▶ 6.4. Easy to understand green education, which is more closer to inhabitants
- > 6.5. Visible and tangible transparent co-operation based on some type of legal arrangement, common permanent 1) secretariat controlling its own resources and existence of an explicitly documented development strategy;

- 1. The degree of factory mobility;
- 2. The structure of labor markets;
- > 3. The discretion of decentralized governments in the administration of the redistributive programs;
- ▶ 4. The set of rules that governs the allocation of fiscal policy to the different levels of government.

FACTORS OF SE PROJECT (YUE; LI; JIN AND FELDMAN, 2013):

- 1. Microcredits;
- 2. Microinsurence;
- 3. Microsavings

Primar financial source for SE in developing countries

MICROFINANCE:

In 2006 Muhammed Yunnus won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Professor Muhammad Yunus established the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh in 1983, fueled by the belief that credit is a fundamental human right.

His objective was to help poor people escape from poverty by providing loans on terms suitable to them and by teaching them a few sound financial principles so they could help themselves.



MUHAMMED YUNNUS — «BANKER TO THE POOR»

Source: (www.nobelprize.org)

- □ Social entrepreneurship projects are for every territorial unit;
- ☐ Social entrepreneurship is a of the tool how to achieved Millenium Goals;

PLURALITY



- ▶ 1 the main goal of the entrepreneurship
- ➤ 2 financing of the entrepreneurship
- > 3 governing of the enterprise
- 4 status of employees
- ▶ 5 environmental issues
- ▶ 6 profit and reinvestment
- ▶ Based on principles of M. Yunnus, EMES network, EC

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP VS ETREPRENEURSHIP – THE MAIN DIFFERENCES

- > SOLVING SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND GAINING PROFIT
- Long term activity
- Social (not clearly business oriented) theoretically
- Promoting socially responsible communities
- Business driven/oriented
- Gains for society in local/regional/national scale
- Social innovation
- Role of civic society

THE MAIN GOAL OF THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Preferably own resources
- ► Funding social entrepreneurship funds
- > 0% interest rates
- Grant system
- ► High economic risk
- Aspects of charity
- ▶ Local community involvement

FINANCING OF THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Different share structure possibly more owners
- Representation of investors restricted as possible
- ▶ Different decision making 1 person 1 vote
- Involvement of the target groups

GOVERNING OF THE ENTERPRISE

- As less employees as possible
- Quota for representatives of the target groups
- Voluntary work in management
- Social security
- No subsidized vacancies theoretical aspect
- Restrictions on personell policy
- Competitive salaries
- BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS

STATUS OF EMPLOYEES

- Environmental friendly economy, reuse and effective use of resources
- Maximal minimizing of possible impact on ecology
- ► Focus on activity in ecological farming, ecotourism ...
- ► Investing in projects related to environment

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Non profit organizations
- Profit is not shared among owners theory vs practice
- Repayment of grants top priority
- Investment in ecology/environment related projects
- ► Investment in development

PROFIT AND REINVESTMENT

- Entrepreneurs are stimulating their employees to achieve better results
- ▶ No focus on disadvantaged social groups
- Subzidized jobs short term solution
- Differences in main goals of entreneurship

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP VS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Brixy, U. 2014. Lecture notes "Entrepreneurship in global perspective"
- ▶ Banski, J & Janicki, W. 2013. The influence of the EU's eastern frontier on the socioeconomic situation of border areas. European Urban and Regional Studies. 20(3), 299 – 313.
- Testart, A. 2013. Reconstruction Social and Cultural Evolution: The Case of Dowry in the Indo – European Area. Current Anthropology. 54(1), 23 – 50.
- Athias, L. 2013. Local Public Services Provision under Public Private Partnerships: Contractual Design and Contracting Parties Incentives. Local Government Studies. 39(3), 312 – 331.
- Smith, C. 2013. Fellow Traveler in Theorethical Frontiers. Contemporary Sociology. 42(1). 12 – 19.

REFERENCES:

- Zimmermann, F, M., Janschitz, S. 2001. Regional Policies in Europe
 Key Opportunities for Regions in the 21st Century. Graz, Leykam.
- Zimmermann, F, M., Janschitz, S. 2000. Regional Policies in Europe
 New Challenges New Opportunities. Graz, Leykam.
- Zimmermann, F, M., Janschitz, S. 2004. Regional Policies in Europe

 Soft Features for Innovative Cross Border Cooperation. Graz,
 Leykam.
- Zimmermann, F, M., Janschitz, S. 2002. Regional Policies in Europe
 − The Knowledge Age. Graz, Leykam.

REFERENCES:

Thank you for your attention!