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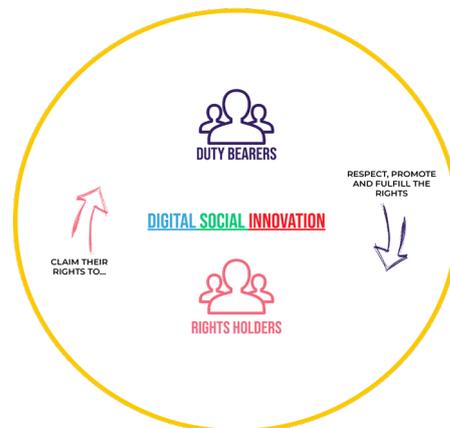
BOOSTING DIGITAL SOCIAL INNOVATION

Wehubit aims to boost digital social innovation to accelerate **inclusive** and **sustainable** development. In doing so, it addresses global challenges and empowers a variety of stakeholders in partner countries.

It specifically targets the **scaling-up** phase of innovations that are implemented by the **public sector** and/or **civil society**. The objective is to roll out these innovations at a large scale, increasing their availability, affordability and performance.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Using a **human rights-based approach** (HRBA) is key for the programme. It focuses its support on innovations that can contribute to developing the capacities of duty-bearers (e.g. public authorities, schools and hospitals), allowing them to meet their obligations. At the same time, we empower rights holders (e.g. citizens, students and patients) to claim their rights.



Wehubit adheres to the nine **Principles for Digital Development**. As such, the application of these principles guides the programme's work. In addition, the 27 supported partner projects are invited to use these principles as a compass during implementation.



PROJECTS

27



NETWORK

50

ORGANISATIONS



COUNTRIES

12



CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

6



GRANTS

8,8 m€



TEAM

7



DURATION

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COMPETITIVE FUND

Through its **grant facility**, Wehubit supports civil society and/or public institutions in the scaling-up of innovations that use digital technologies in exploring new ways to solve societal challenges.

The programme's rigorous and transparent procedures ensure an efficient use and sound management of funds. Wehubit regularly publishes thematic Calls for Proposals that are aligned with our funding partners' priorities.

Almost 2.8M people having benefited directly from the Digital Social Innovation

>1.5M women

> 210.000 vulnerable people having received training on the access to and the use of digital solutions

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE NETWORK

Learning and **partnerships** are priorities for the Wehubit programme. In order to share best practices and lessons learned from partner projects, to produce knowledge and to foster synergies between the partners and within the digital social innovation community, Wehubit and its 50 partner organisations have set up the Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN).

KEN members meet on frequent basis, in various types of formats (community events, thematic workshops...), to exchange best practices and lessons learned, therefore reinforcing their capacities.

All material produced in this framework, or developed by partners, is freely available on the [e-library](#).

A FEW LESSONS LEARNED SO FAR

- Scaling-up digital social innovations requires **risk-taking** and **flexibility**, both in terms of resources and results. Nonetheless, there is a funding gap and a need for technical support in this specific phase of the innovation chain.
- Given the non-profit character of the supported organisations, their contributions to tackling societal challenges need to be supported by relevant stakeholders (e.g. public sector, private sector, civil society, etc.). This helps to ensure the **sustainability** of the innovations.
- In a multi-country setting, Calls for Proposals are a **powerful** and **flexible** tool for identifying promising initiatives. However, analysing and capitalising on such a diverse set of partner projects is a complex exercise. Therefore, a thorough contextual analysis helps to define the scope of the Calls.
- In terms of guiding principles, Wehubit observes that their application increases the **success rate** of the supported innovations. Nonetheless, translating them into actions and decisions requires close follow-up and steering.



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