

**Project:** **Deseo: Development of districts of equal opportunities in social economy territories**

**Subject:**

The project aims at analysing potentials for local clustering which gears towards improved mechanisms for an equal participation of women and men in economic and social life. By pooling experiences and resources of both local authorities and social economy operators, new methods of collaboration will be found.

In the case of DESEO, a social economy cluster could be defined as follows: “a group of social economy enterprises operating on the basis of mutualised resources and services, a spill-over of skills/competences and knowledge as well as common management systems”.

DESEO will lead to a concrete design of local clusters, which will include: a) innovative methods for a pooling of resources of social economy enterprises and local authorities; b) the improvement of services/structures of already existing clusters; c) criteria of local financing to support the above mentioned clusters; d) new approaches for a local valorisation of cluster experiences; e) elements for the evaluation of the performance of clusters fostering gender equality.

**Submission:** 2006

**DG:** Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

**Programme:** Gender Equality

**Leader:** Reves network European network of cities and regions for the social economy (Belgium)

**Partner:**

- Ce.svi.p. (IT)
- Ethos (IT)
- Province of Piacenza (IT)
- City of Modena (IT)
- Lega provinciale cooperative e mutue Modena (IT)
- Piattaforma dello stretto (IT)
- City of Messina (IT)
- Adelle (FR)
- City of Dunkerque (FR)
- City of Grenoble (FR)
- Information Centre for women rights (cidf) – (FR)
- Kooperativ konsult (SE)
- Carbery housing association (IR)
- Ceps Barcelona (ES)

**Duration of the project:** 15 months