

● **Training:** The project will offer to 15 operators of Churches and local Caritas, social economy training to promote social enterprises in South East Europe. The training includes: 4 two-day workshops, 1 study visit to Italy.

● **Support for social enterprises:** by funding new projects in existing social enterprises, in the seven countries involved.

● **Creating new social enterprises:** at least two for each country.

● **Accompanying new entrepreneurs:** the Caritas workers of the seven countries involved, thanks to the training they received, can follow step by step the future entrepreneurs: from feasibility study of the new company, to the implementation of the first business plan, up to the drafting of the social report.

ELBA

Outcomes!

Participating countries: 7

Operators trained: 15

Social economy initiatives: 21

TOTAL BUDGET: 480.000 €



ELBA
project

Emergency Labour
in the Balkans





WHAT IS A SOCIAL ECONOMY INITIATIVE?

- It aims to pursue the common good and social cohesion through the production of goods or services that can generate profit used to achieve social, economic and environmental sustainability.
- It responds to the needs and desires of the community through an innovative approach, encouraging participation, promoting employment and social inclusion of vulnerable groups.

WHAT IS ELBA? THE PROJECT

ELBA project (Emergency Labour in the Balkans) - implemented by **Caritas Italiana** with the financial support of the **CEI** (Italian Bishop Conference) - aims to support the local Church in 7 countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Greece, Kosovo and Serbia) for the achievement of the following objectives:

- 01 Combat the economic crisis in South East Europe by offering sustainable economic and socially just solutions, (social enterprises) to the needs of the most vulnerable population groups, supporting their work and social inclusion ;
- 02 Support the EU access paths of the countries involved, through experiences of welfare and social economy , in line with EU standards;
- 03 Strengthening the sustainability of social enterprises supported by local charitable organizations in South East Europe, and promoting social enterprises;
- 04 Strengthen regional cooperation among the churches of the area, by an exchange of best practices, skills and nformations.

Aims

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