What is common or similar among social innovation, social entrepreneurship and social technology?



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Why social innovation is important?





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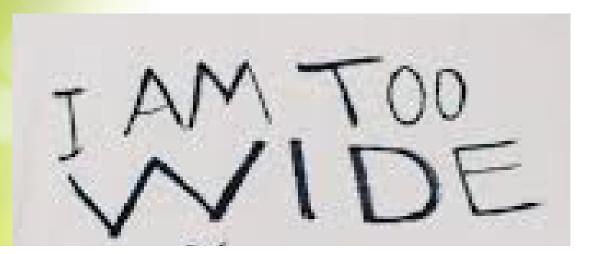
Social innovation – constant evolution of definition

- Social innovation refers to new ideas (products, services and models), which are designed to meet social needs (NESTA, 2008).
- New solution to a social problem that is more effective, and sustainable (Stanford Social Innovation Review, 2008).
 - A process that leaves a lasting, positive impact on society.





Confusion about social innovation term



Achitecture as Social Innovation and Empowerment

ociety organization it yourself it together with others red services

Culture
Collective Libraries
Open Culture
Bookcrossing
Streetart

Production 3d-printing repair cafes makerspaces

Education self-organised non-institutional knowledge exchange Environment urban gardening urban farming seed banks

Economy neighbourhood enterprises social enterprises cooperatives Organizations neighbourhood initiatives cooperatives foundations Micro Architectu
co-housing
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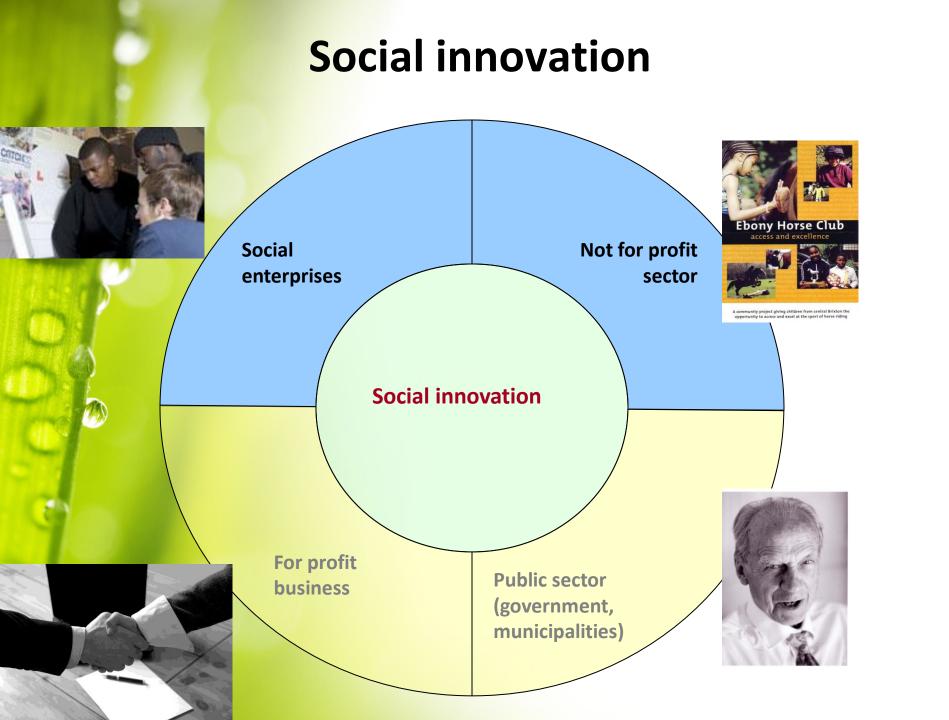
Confusion about social innovation – overlapping meaning

Social innovation refers to new strategies, concepts, ideas and organisations that **meet social needs of all kinds** - from working conditions and education to community **development and** health - and that extend and strengthen civil society.

The term has overlapping meanings:

- It can be used to refer to social processes of innovation, such as open source methods and techniques (example – mana balss.lv);
- Alternatively it refers to innovations which have a social purpose like distance learning;
- The concept can also be related to social entrepreneurship (entrepreneurship is not necessarily innovative, but it can innovate at certain stage);
- innovation in public policy and governance (in social policy sector).

Social innovation can take place within government, within the for-profit sector, or within the non-profit sector (also known as the third sector), or in the space between them.





Social entrepreneurship and social innovation both explicitly aim to provide innovative solutions to unsolved social problems, putting social value creation at the heart of their mission in order to improve individuals' and communities' lives and increase their well-being.

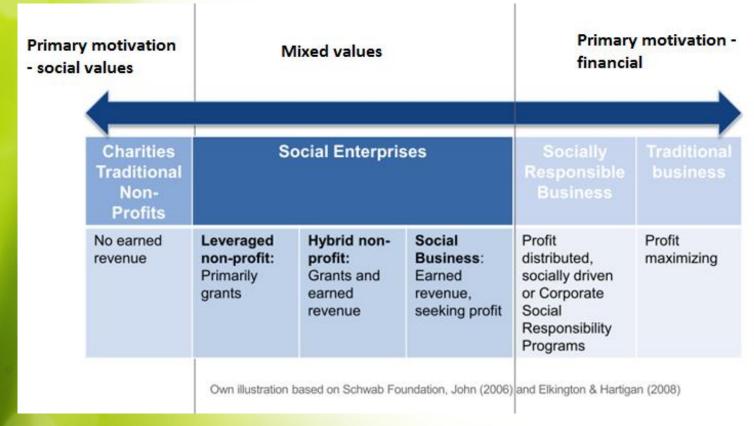


Social entrepreneurship forms social economy



Social entrepreneruship in Europe

 A great variety of definitions of social entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurs has been provided since the early 1980s



Is it possible to define social entrepreneurship?

There is a lack of agreed definition for social entrepreneur, social entrepreneurship and social enterprises in United States and Europe.

Social entrepreneurship is a business which aims to offer innovative solutions for unmet social needs, but income-making is designed to reinvested into development of social enterprise.



Terminology



Social entrepreneur (individual)



Social enterprises

(entity – different legal forms may apply)



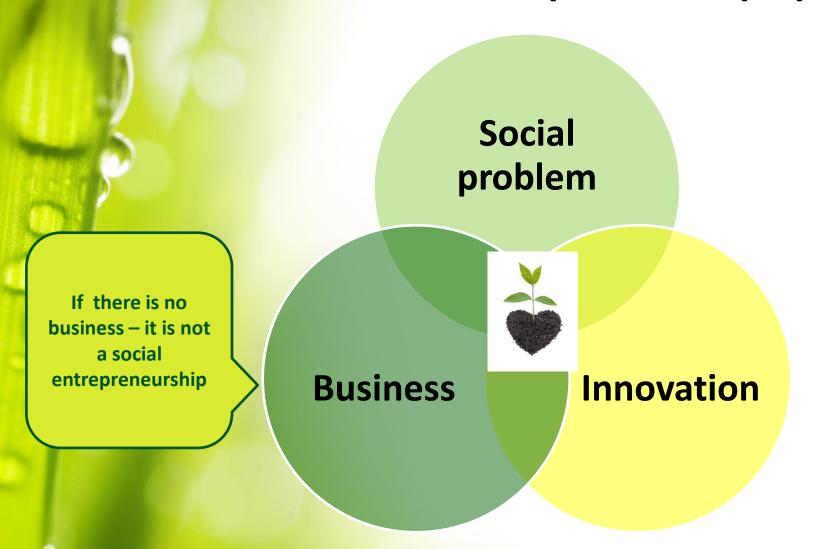
Social entrepreneurship

(process)

The 7 principles of Social Business (Yunus, 2009)

- Business objective will be to overcome poverty, or one or more problems (such as education, health, technology access, and environment) which threaten people and society; not profit maximization.
- Financial and economic sustainability.
- Investors get back their investment amount only. No dividend is given beyond investment money.
- When investment amount is paid back, company profit stays with the company for expansion and improvement.
- Gender sensitive and environmentally conscious.
- Workforce gets market wage with better working conditions.
- ...do it with joy.

Where does social entrepreneurship appears?



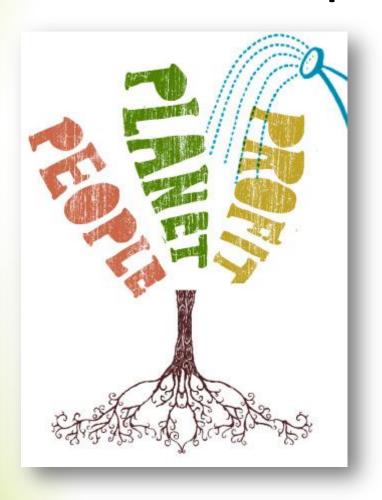
Different motivation of Social entrepreneurs and For-Profit Entrepreneurs

Based on the 72 social and 116 for profit entrepreneurs from United Kingdom.

Social entrepreneurs	For-profit entrepreneurs
1. Meaning of job/ help others (universal values)	1. Independence
8. Independence	2. Income/profit
11. Income/profit	11. Meaning of job/ help others (universal values)

Research authors: Lukes, M. & Stephan, U. (2012, in press). Nonprofit Leaders and For-Profit Entrepreneurs: Similar People with Different Motivation. Ceskoslovenska psychologie

Key elements of social entrepreneurship



...NOT PROFIT, PROFIT, PROFIT







Nobel Prize winner **Muhammad Yunus** in 1976 launched the Grameen Bank project aimed at:

- to provide banking services to the poor,
- to prevent the exploitation of poor people,
- create self-employment opportunities for the unemployed in rural Bangladesh.

Example – 2





A low-tech fun solution supplying water to rural villages







Examples 3,4 – developed countries



Women's Bean Project (USA, Denver) employs women from families with long-term unemployment and poverty, for the production of food. The project aims to sell beans products in order to create jobs for women.



Juma Ventures (US, several cities)
operates in the stadiums, in order to
ensure employment opportunities
for economically disadvantaged,
troubled youth.

Definition of social technology

 The term "social technology" was first used at the University of Chicago at 1895.

 Social technologies can be defined as any technologies used for goals of socium or with any social basis, including social hardware (traditional communication media), social software (computer mediated media), and social media (social networking tools) (Alberghini, et al., 2010).





The global report "Technology for Good: Innovative Use of Technology by Charities" grouped the technologies into following categories:

- Mobile technology: Mobile devices that range from low-end talk and text phones to smartphones or tablets.
- Tracking technology: GPS or other monitoring systems that track people and goods.
- Mapping technology: Tools that organize geographic data and feed data sets into a digital map.
- Data management technologies: Tools for processing large amounts of data or improving administrative functions.
- Social media and crowdsourcing: Data collection through open-sources.
- Cloud Technology: Computing that allows access to software and information via the Internet instead of a hard drive or computer network.
- Portable Networks: Moveable devices that can create instant Internet connectivity or telecommunication networks.
- Drone Technology: Unmanned aerial vehicles used to leapfrog infrastructural deficits.

Social technologies

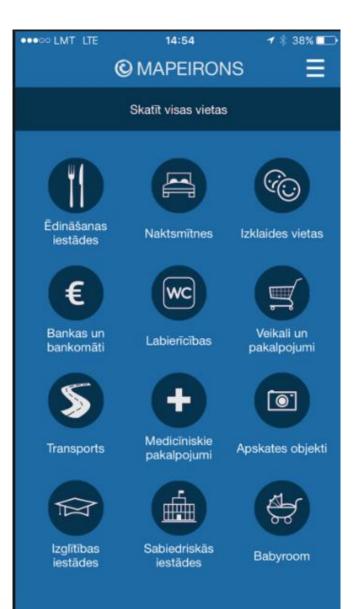


Source: Defining Social Technologies

Social technologies - examples

Example of social app





Social technologies - examples

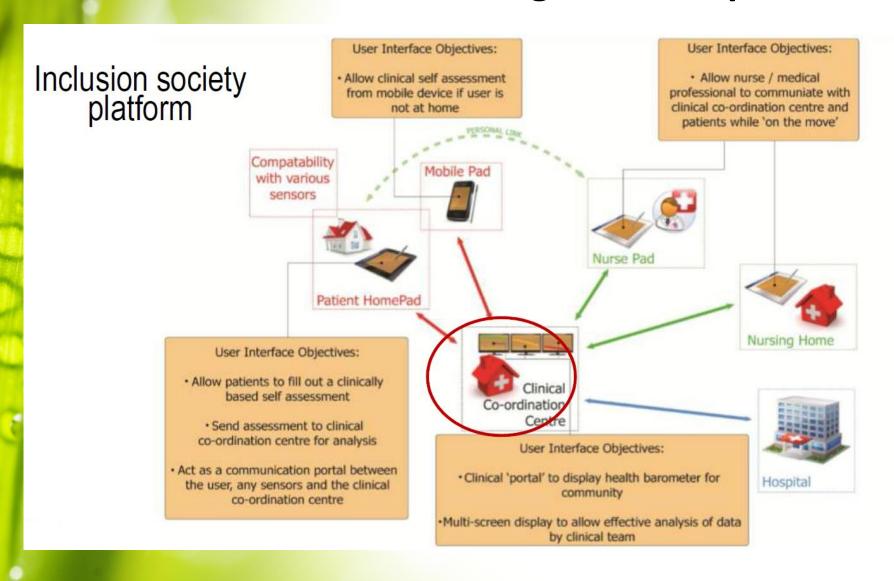
Example of social technology

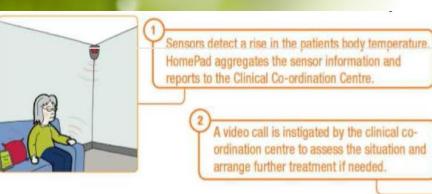




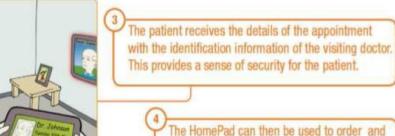


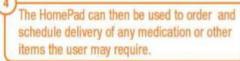
Social technologies - examples

























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