

Stimulating and encouraging the transformation of socio-economic innovations with environmental impact into prototypes or proofs of concept is vital for advancing green economy initiatives. Green business ideas, especially those generated within local communities, emphasize the utilization of local resources while revitalizing traditional production chains and community markets that may be disappearing. These ideas focus on sustainability, social inclusion, and the environmental impact of business practices. One of the platforms driving this transformation is the Green Social Entrepreneurship Network hackathon, an event designed to turn socio-economic ideas into tangible prototypes or proofs of concept within a short period. During the hackathon, participants work in teams to develop innovative solutions, advance their skills, and build networks with like-minded individuals. The hackathon serves as a hub for creativity and teamwork, bringing together people from diverse backgrounds to collaborate on green business ideas.

The Green Social Entrepreneurship Network itself is an informal yet impactful network dedicated to supporting projects and implementing best practices for sustainable development in both green economy and social entrepreneurship. By offering opportunities such as the hackathon, the network encourages entrepreneurs, civil society organizations (CSOs), institutions, and communities to establish “green” criteria within their operations and projects.

Participants in the hackathon not only gain valuable hands-on experience but also contribute to the network’s larger mission. This mission is to promote and implement practical social entrepreneurship solutions within businesses, organizations, and institutions, ultimately increasing the social and environmental responsibility of citizens. The hackathon helps foster a collaborative atmosphere where participants can exchange ideas, learn from each other, and develop innovative solutions that address local challenges with a global environmental perspective. It empowers them to prototype their concepts and contribute to the green transformation of businesses and communities, all while enhancing their ability to manage projects, streamline business processes, and support the growth of green social entrepreneurship. This dynamic environment of innovation and collaboration is crucial for transitioning from idea to practice, making it possible for socio-economic innovations to have a lasting environmental impact.

Linked Courses:

- [Social & Green Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Circular Business Models: Steps from Linear to Circular](#)
- [Sustainable Innovation: How Organisations Can Create Sustainable Innovation Projects](#)

Linked Course Category:

- [Resilient Transition](#)

Format: Group, physical presence

Group Size: 10-15 participants

Frequency: once a year

Number of Coaching Sessions: 2

Duration of Each Session: 8 hours

Focus Sector/Industry: Green Social Entrepreneurship

Green Social Entrepreneurship Network	
Language/s	English
Format	Group, physical presence
Location (if on-site)	North Macedonia
Group Size	10-15
Frequency (how often) If recurrent, specify further (e.g., once a month, every second month)	recurring once a year
Number of Consultation sessions in total	2 sessions
Duration of each Session (in hours)	8 hours
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