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Hello Helle,

Thank you for your email.

My name is Krystian Fikert, CEO and founder of MyMind, a social enterprise in the mental health sector. I am really happy to see the policy for social enterprises, especially section on page 20.

In my opinion, there should be a very easy pathway for well established social enterprises to apply for the growth funding (multi-year) based on the strategy plan, financial budget and financial forecasting. At the moment is very difficult to find a source of funding for growth and scaling up operations even there is very strong evidence of a cost-effective model for the government.

My other suggestion is to have a budget, application process in place for social enterprises to apply for the innovation funding. Each organization needs to innovate to survive but also to grow. Without innovation, the organization can't develop new or improve current processes.

I would suggest that the organization should be able to apply for innovation funding if they have a very clear and concise proposal with a forecast of outcomes.

At the moment there is no innovation funding available to social enterprises in Ireland.

I would be happy to share more insights if necessary.

Have a nice weekend.

Best regards,
Krystian

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