Social innovation: policy recommendations from the SI-DRIVE project

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Seven policy fields – challenges for social change

Leading examples
25 countries in the world
1005 cases (163 NMS)
81 detailed analysis (11 NMS)

(NMS = new member states)

Social innovation is about bottom-up action by citizens to tackle societal challenges

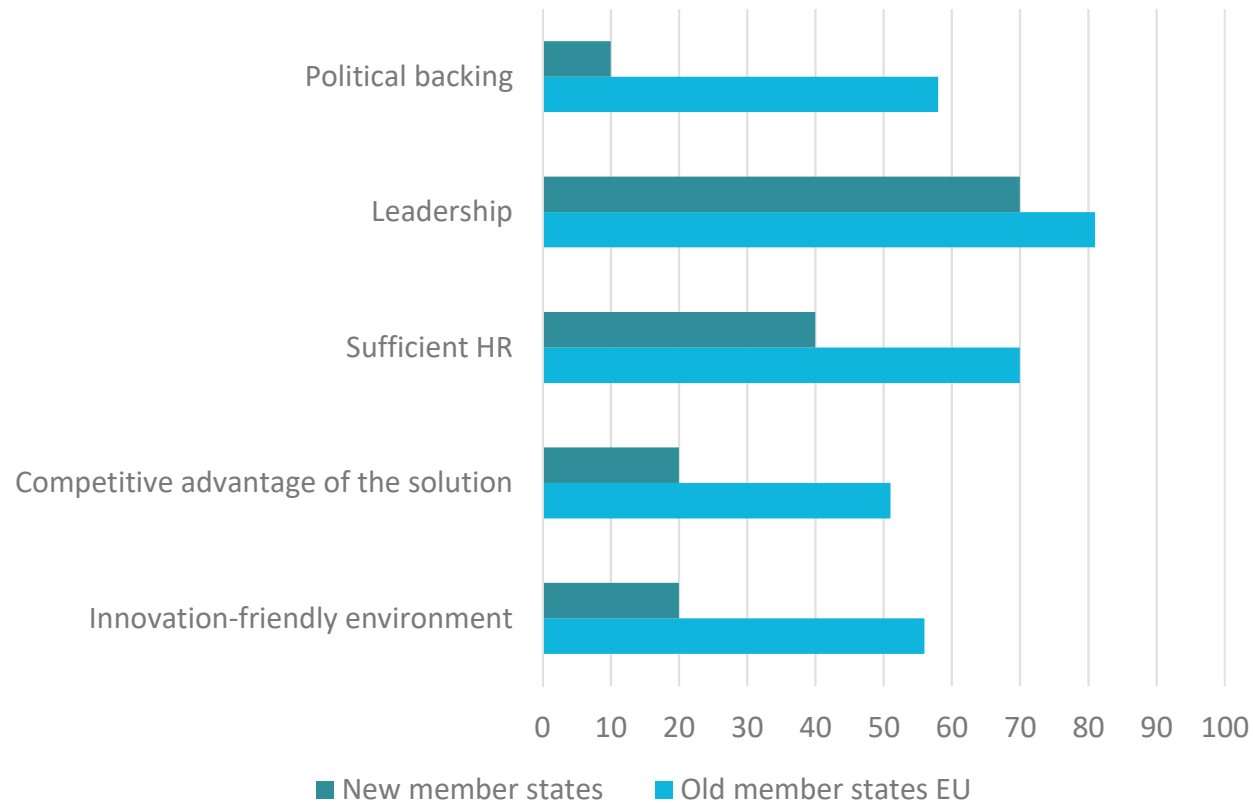# Social innovation cases from new member states

Solutions for social change?
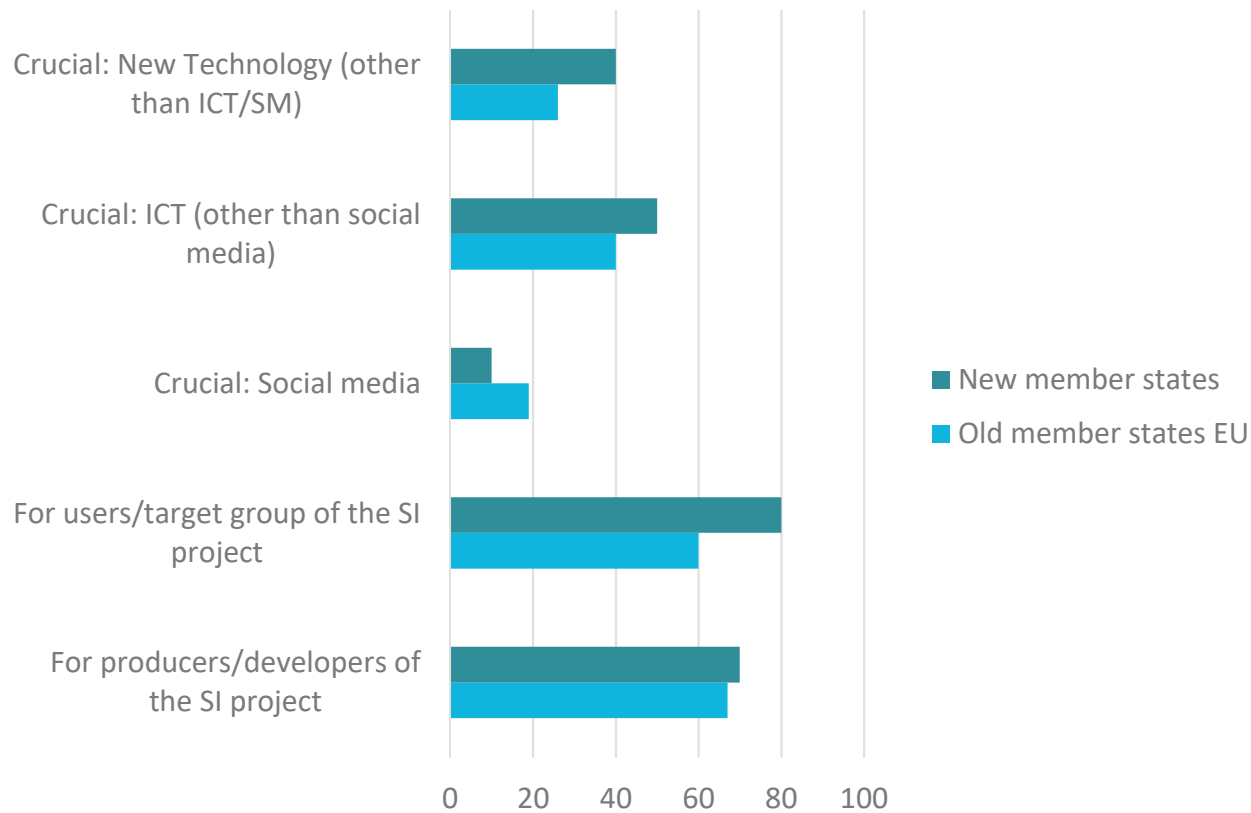# Nice solutions, but upscaling remains limited

Of 82 cases: 25% high impact

➢ Influence is stronger that local or regional level
➢ The innovation changed the practice field
➢ The social need of the target group has been alleviated
➢ Community building has been strengthened

Different for New Member States?
Drivers at the level of social innovations (% yes)

Different for New Member States?
Resources crucial for social innovations (% crucial)

Policy recommendations for New Member States

Civil society as a starting point

➢ Build on civil society – Develop cultural change towards stronger civil society

➢ Uplifting of SI present – Build awareness, support, enabling partnerships

Policy and public administration context

➢ General policy – Specific policy

➢ Government – Governance

➢ Moderating -- Understanding

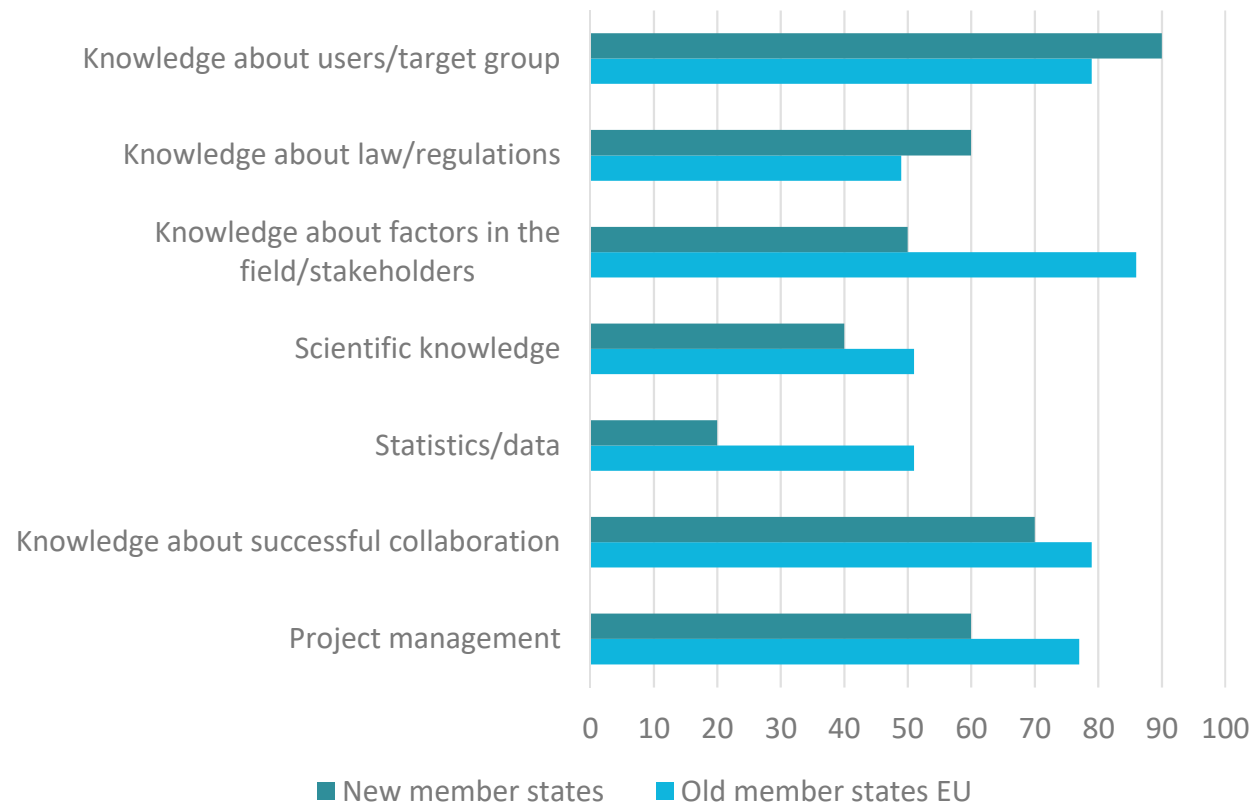➢ Going at it alone – International policy cooperation on inclusiveness

Resources

➢ Legal infrastructure supportive – Legal infrastructure to be re-build

➢ Public funding – Market funding, business model

➢ National funding – EU/International donor funding
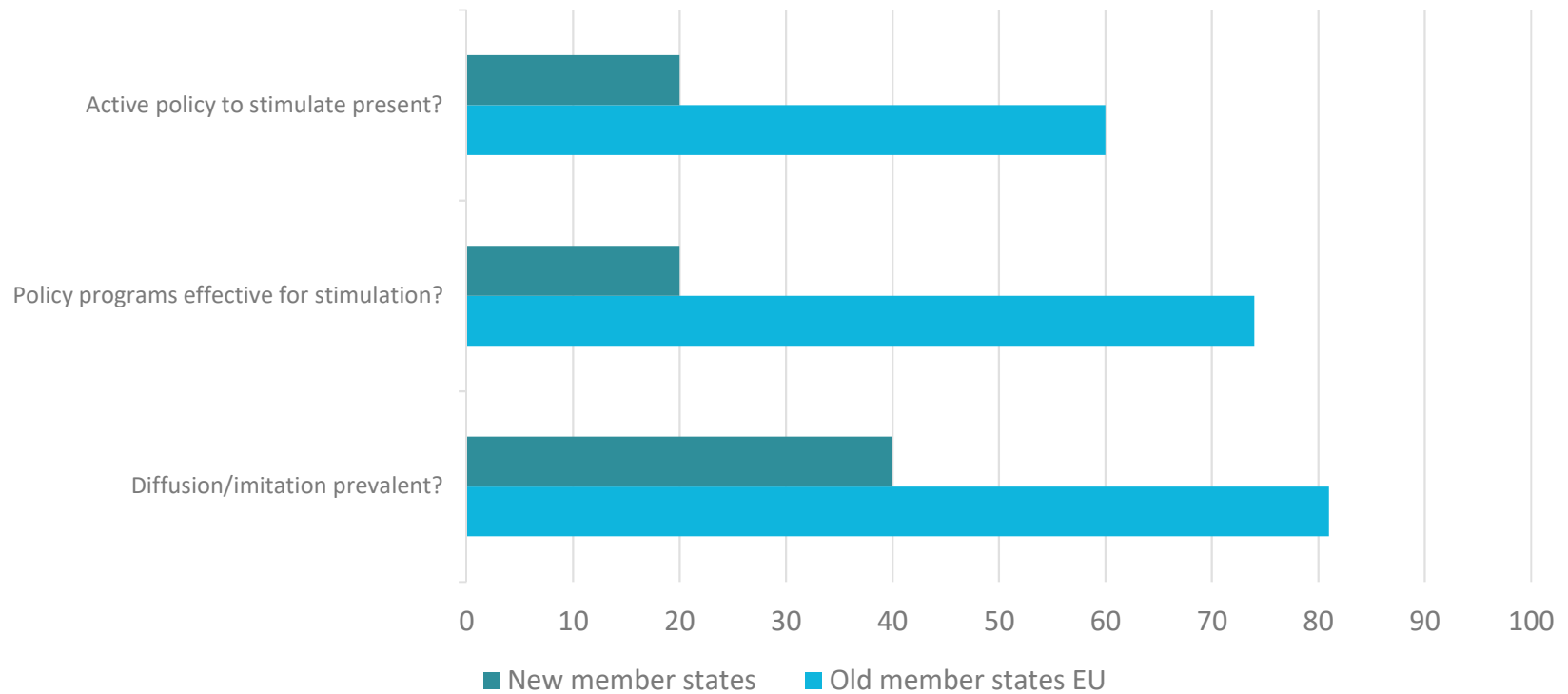
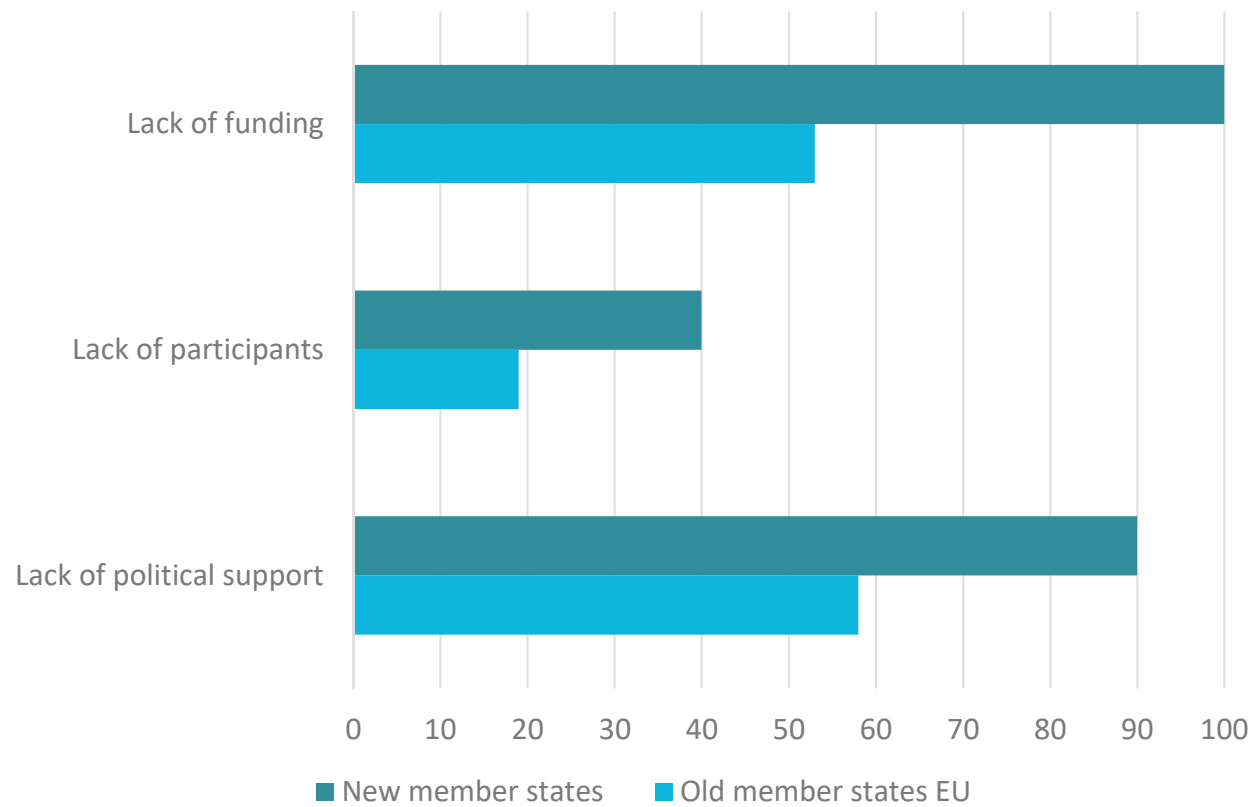➢ Knowledge driven – Knowledge support to be created

Annexes

Knowledge and capabilities driving at the practice field level

Knowledge about users/target group
Knowledge about law/regulations
Knowledge about factors in the field/stakeholders
Scientific knowledge
Statistics/data
Knowledge about successful collaboration
Project management

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■ New member states   ■ Old member states EU

Drivers at the practice field level

Barriers at the practice field level (%)

Crucial drivers at the practice field level (%)