

SIX impact

Influencing policy to incorporate social innovation

SIX works to incorporate a social innovation agenda into policy at local, national, and regional levels.

We use a people driven approach to act as translator between practitioners and policy makers; to create forums for purposeful dialogue and exchange; to communicate practical examples of social innovation and its impact globally; and to drive new debates and help stakeholders coordinate and communicate effectively. Creating a supportive policy environment ensures that

the impact of our work continues beyond SIX projects and broadens the impact of social innovation practice worldwide. We have worked particularly closely with the European Commission and the Seoul Metropolitan Government over the past ten years, helping embed social innovation in policy at local, national and regional levels.

Seoul Metropolitan Government



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“Even before becoming Mayor, I was very impressed by SIX and I could grow my capacity to think as a social designer and social innovator through my association with SIX. I have participated in global SIX meetings many times, in Lisbon, Singapore and in Seoul. SIX provided me with a resource to help me manage the problems and challenges of the city, and develop policies that enable this. Seoul has a population of 10 million, it’s a big metropolitan city but still the wisdom comes from very simple secrets of social innovation. SIX have provided such an impression and inspiration to me, enough to be an innovative Mayor and drive innovation across this city.”

– Park Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul



European Commission

Mapping & Understanding



2009



SIX Chair and Founder participate in a workshop with President Barroso, and explore including ‘social’ in the traditional innovation policy.

Community building
Sharing skills & knowledge



2010



SIX prepare the first study on social innovation in Europe, influencing the 2011 innovation union’s first recognition of ‘social’ in their innovation strategy.

2011



SIE launches, SIX runs the first social innovation project under the Innovation Union and produce reports on financing and measuring social innovation in Europe.

Connecting diverse groups



2014



SIX brings together the different Innovation Unit strategy projects during SI-Live, and connect research and incubation projects to encourage community building across Europe.

Growing



2015



Horizon 2020 launches and SIX becomes part of a new social innovation consortium, the Social Innovation Community (SIC).

Influencing



2017



The European Commission hosts ‘A New Era’ event in Lisbon.

2018



SIC launch their #Declaration to ensure the continued embedding of social innovation in European framework programmes.

