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Social Enterprise and the Global Goals

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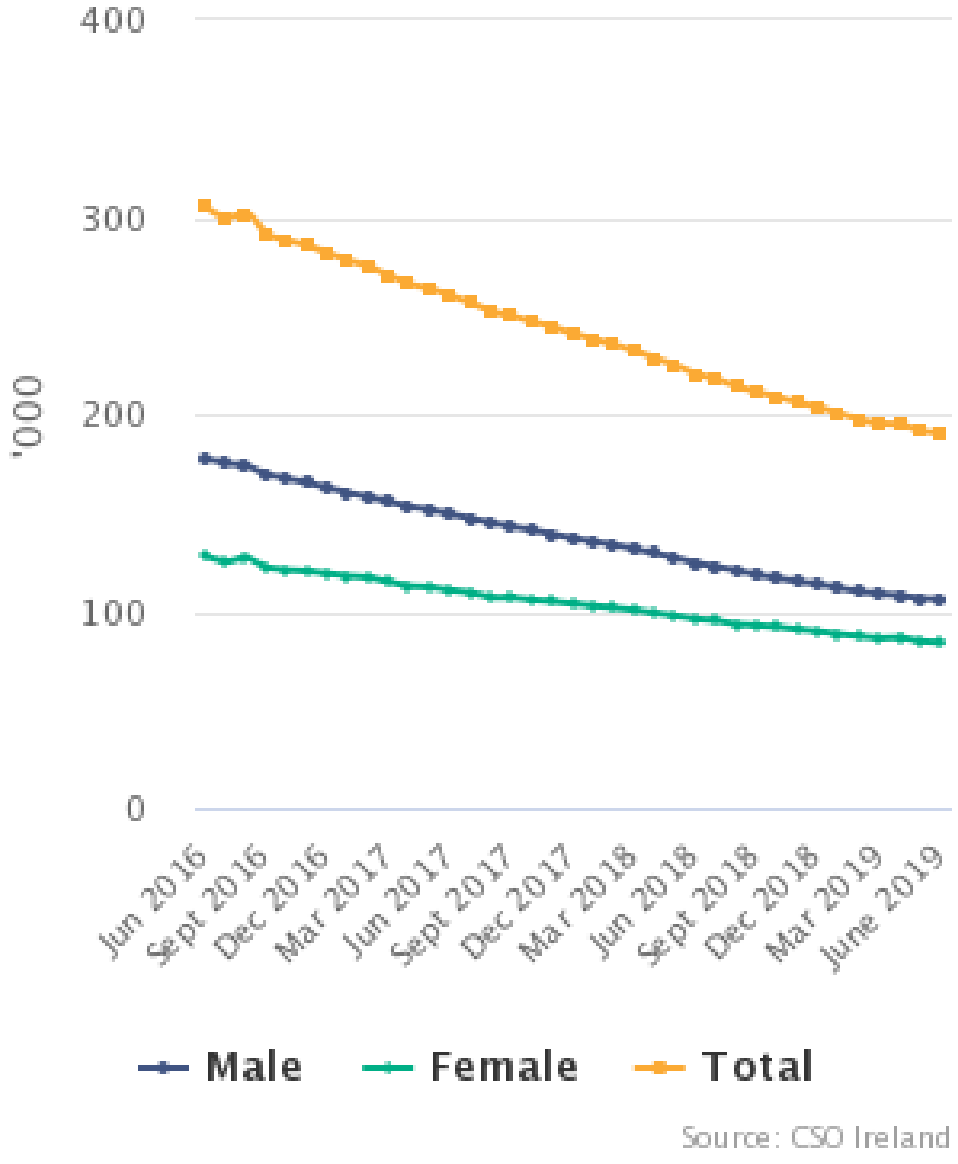
What is a Social Enterprise?

A Social Enterprise is an enterprise whose objective is to achieve a social, societal or environmental impact, rather than maximising profit for its owners or shareholders.

It pursues its objectives by trading on an ongoing basis through the provision of goods and/or services, and by reinvesting surpluses into achieving social objectives.

It is governed in a fully accountable and transparent manner and is independent of the public sector. If dissolved, it should transfer its assets to another organisation with a similar mission.

Figure 1 Live Register Seasonally Adjusted



Source: CSO Ireland

CSO statistical release, 04 July 2019, 11am

Equality and Discrimination

Quarter 1 2019

Percentage of persons who experienced discrimination[1]

% of persons aged 18+

	Q1 2019
State	**17.7**
Principal economic status	
At work	17.1
Unemployed	30.2
Student	21.9
Home duties	14.1
Retired	12.4
Others	24.1
LGBTI+	
LGBTI+	33.2
Non-LGBTI+	17.2
Nationality	
Irish	16.3
Non-Irish	26.7

[1] In the two years prior to interview

What do Social Enterprises look like?

SPEEDPAK
CONTRACT SERVICES TO INDUSTRY

bounce back recycling

What do Social Enterprises look like?

- Work Integration Social Enterprises (WISEs)
- Enterprise Development social enterprises
- ‘Deficient Demand’ social enterprises
- Environmental social enterprises
- Social Cooperatives which do not distribute profits
- Etc…

Why do we need a policy for Social Enterprise?

To **support** Social Enterprise to **maximise** its social, societal and environmental **impact**

Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022

The Policy is based around 3 Objectives:

In summary

- Social Enterprise are **impact-focussed businesses** creating **social and economic returns** for Ireland
- **Directly contributing to the realisation of the SDGs**
- Complementary to **Future Jobs** and **Climate Action Plan.**
- **Value**, **impact** and **potential** of SE is tremendous

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Thank You