# Social Enterprise Model Canvas: What Business Models for Social Enterprises?

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# 1. Business Model





### What is a business model?

Definitions of business model are scattered (Eden & Ackermann, 2000; George & Bock, 2011)

A business model clearly articulates "the rationale of how an organisation creates, delivers and captures value" (Osterwalder & Pigneur, 2009)

Business models seek to explain how value is created, not just how it is captured (Zott et al., 2011)



A business model is a synthetic representation of the various dimensions of an organization, and the way these dimensions structure with consistence.

A business model integrates a description of the actors and their roles, of the potential benefits for each actor and of the revenue sources (Timmers 1998)





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#### Date: Version: Designed for: Designed by: **The Business Model Canvas Key Activities** Customer Relationships **Key Partners** Value Propositions **Customer Segments Key Resources** Channels Š Cost Structure Revenue Streams This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution: Share Alike 3.0 Unported License. To view a copy of this license, visit: http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/ or send a letter to Creative Commons, 171 Second Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, California, 94105, USA.

# 9 interrelated variables:

- Value propositions
- Customer segments
- Key activities
- Channels
- Customer relationships
- Key partners
- Revenue streams
- Key resources
- Cost structure

(Osterwalder & Pigneur, 2010)

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# 2. Social Business Model





# What are the specificities of SE impacting their business model?

Three specificities of social enterprises should be highlighted to understand why the BMC should be adapted (Moreau & Mortier, 2017; Defourny & Nyssens, 2011; Sparviero, 2019)

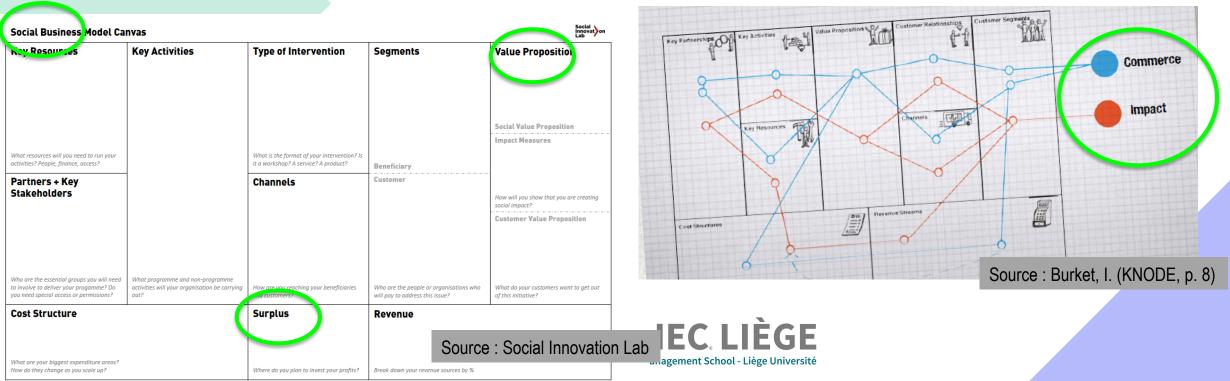
- 1. Multiple resources (Young, 2007; Gardin, 2006)
- 2. Surplus allocation & Additional costs recovery (Hansmann, 1996; Steinberg 2006; Young, 2017; Gui, 1999, Henry, 2010)
- 3. Governance (Defourny & Nyssens, 2006 ; Rijpens, 2010 ; Hansmann, 1996 ; Campi, Defourny & Grégoire, 2006 ; Borzaga & Sachetti, 2015 ; Huybrechts, Mertens & Rijpens, 2014)





# Social business model

Several authors have already developed social business models (Sparviero, 2019; Joyce & Paquin, 2016; Aure, 2015; Vial, 2016; Kania & al., 2017; Moratis et al., 2018)



# 3. Methodology





# Several action research

A methodology based on back-and-forths between literature and several action research on related topics.

- 1. Development of the framework during **SECOIA project**. Notably, 104 interviews with managers and other stakeholders of 41 social enterprises, with classic private organizations with practices close to the ones of social enterprises and with actors from the ecosystem
  - → SECOIA, Social ECOnomy Impact Assessment, 2016-2017, Walloon Region
- 2. Testing of the framework during **VISES project**. Co-construction of a common approach to assess social impact in social enterprises with more than 20 partners (federations, networks, etc.) and more than 60 social enterprises in France and Belgium.
  - → VISES, valorization of the social impact of social enterprises, 2016-2019, Interreg
- Teaching and adaptation of the framework during the A4I project. Discussed with the European partners, taught to a dozen social care providers in Belgium (and much more in Spain and Tcheck Republic). Adaptation of the framework.
  - → A4I, alliances for inclusive investment in social care and support, 2019-2021, Erasmus Plus
- Deepening of the framework during the EsCap project through the development of questions related to each boxes of the framework
  - → EsCap, dissemination and co-construction of knowledge on social economy between actors from the social enterprises' ecosystem and academics/researchers studying related topics, 2020-2024, Walloon Region





# 4. Social Enterprise Model Canvas (SEMC)









#### GOVERNANCE

Which stakeholders are involved in your governance, in which decision-making bodies and why?

#### KEY PARTNERS



Who are the essential partners to your everyday functioning?

#### **KEY ACTIVITIES**



What are the main and daily activities of your workers?

#### VALUE **PROPOSITION**

How does your organization create value?



#### TARGET AUDIENCES



#### IMPACT **EVALUATION**

For which part of the population do you create value?

What are the criteria/indicators to report the value you created?

Clients, beneficiaries, workers, members, community...



#### CHANNELS

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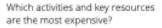
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#### COST STRUCTURE





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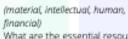


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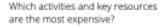




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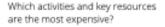




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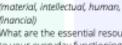


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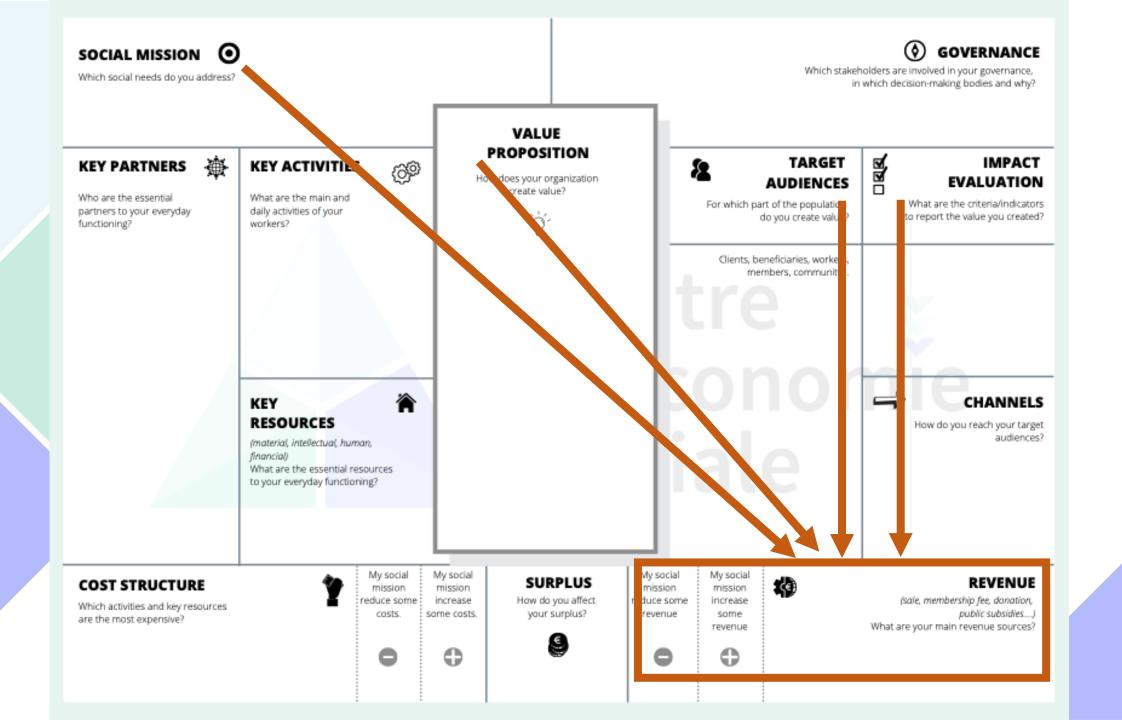


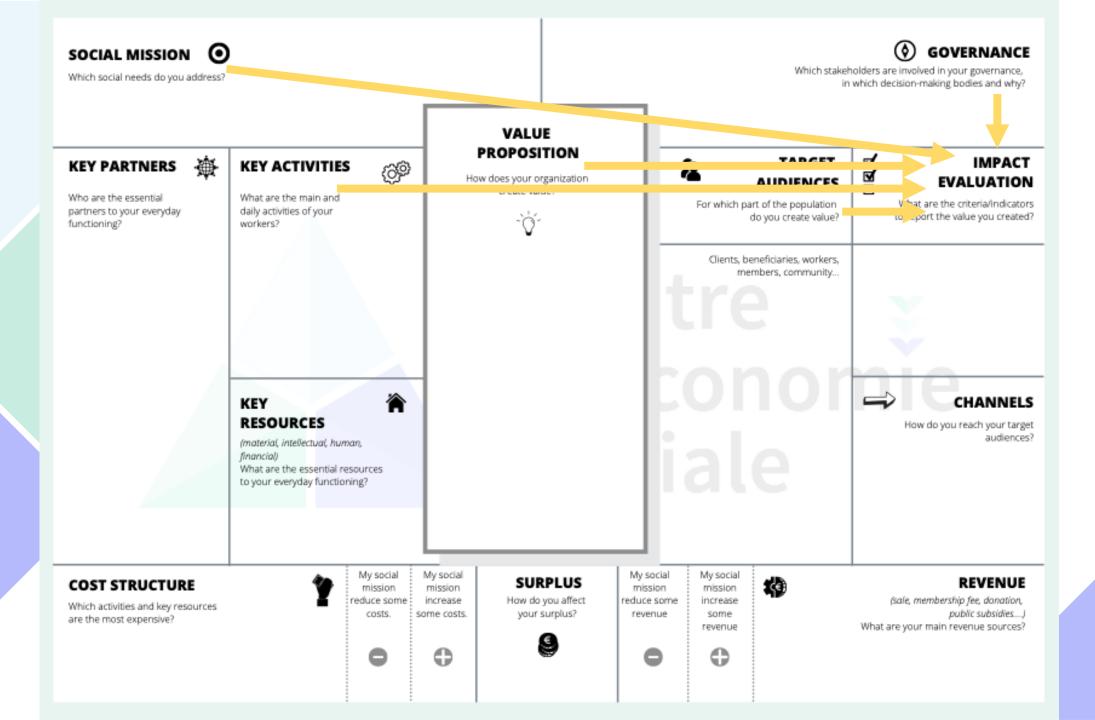


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# Numerous perspectives

- For social entrepreneurs, to create their social business or to replicate an existing social enterprise
- For students, to understand the specificities of social enterprises and catch the interactions between them
- For the social enterprises, to improve their functionning, to start a dialogue with their various stakeholders, to get in touch with investors...
- For researchers, to apprehend the articulation between several theories on social enterprises



