

ENTERPRISING FOR TOMORROW 2026

EVENT CONCEPT

EFT2026

May 19, 2026, Iasi, Romania | 4th edition

EFT2026 positions Romania as a leader on Europe's social economy stage

Enterprising for Tomorrow (EFT) returns for its 4th, biennial European edition - bringing together leaders from the social-economy ecosystem.

Hosted by

ADV România

AFIN

Social Finance Association (SFA)

RISE România – Rețeaua Română a Economiei Sociale,

the conference champions an economy where business with social purpose and inclusion are key pillars of sustainable development.

It is the place to be for those who want to be part of our collective change – social entrepreneurs, impact investors, ethical finance and social economy professionals, policymakers, NGOs and other impact change makers from Eastern and Western Europe.

EFT2026 at a Glance

Host: ADV Romania - AFIN - SFA - RISE a leading organizations in the European social economy ecosystem - hosts the 4th edition of Enterprising for Tomorrow (EFT).

Why it matters: EFT champions an economy where business with social purpose and inclusion are key pillars of sustainable development. The event comes at a time when social innovation and ethical finance are gaining strong momentum across Europe, shaping policies and creating systemic change.

What: A biennial European conference bringing together leaders and practitioners from the social economy ecosystem to share visions, solutions, and practices for the economy of tomorrow.

When: **May 19, 2026**

Where: AGORA Event Center, Iasi, Romania & livestream on Zoom, Facebook, YouTube.

Who: social entrepreneurs, impact investors, ethical finance and social economy professionals, policymakers, government agencies, NGOs and other change makers from Eastern and Western Europe.

Registration: Available through the [event website](#).

1.000+ anticipated participants from Romania, Eastern and Western Europe

Hybrid event: 500+ on-site attendees and live broadcast via **Zoom, Facebook, YouTube**

Live simultaneous interpretation in **English and French**

Conference Tracks

- Policy → Practice → From policy to playbook
- Capital for Impact → Financing what works
- Buying Social → Procurement that rewards impact
- People & Digital: Talent + tech for inclusion

Interactive Formats

- Thematic workshops
- Buy Social Expo: 30+ social enterprises showcase & sell
- Accelerator of Social Enterprises Gala
- Business networking event

EFT2026 – Strategic Importance

Enterprising for Tomorrow is an event that:

Connects community-driven models with policy ecosystems

Bridges ideas, people, and capital for transformation from Eastern & Western Europe

Positions Romania on Europe's social economy center stage

Unprecedented momentum for social economy in the EU & globally - EU: 2.8M+ social enterprises, 13.6M jobs - OECD & EU frameworks prioritize social innovation & inclusion

Anchored in European priorities: the EU Green Deal, the European Pillar of Social Rights and the UN SDGs

The social economy is not a niche.

It is an economic force and a social catalyst.



EFT – Past Editions

EFT 2024 – AFTERMOVIE



EFT 2022 – AFTERMOVIE



Past edition retrospective



Media highlights

EFT – Past Editions



Discover the work and impact of the host organizations that are developing the social economy in Romania and building bridges between Eastern and Western Europe.

ADV Romania

AFIN
finance for doing good

SFA
Social Finance Association


Rețeaua Română a Economiei Sociale

EFT2026 offers partners, innovators, and changemakers a platform to connect with the most dynamic social impact ecosystem in Europe.

The social economy is proof that we can generate both profit and good at the same time. And tomorrow begins with the steps we take today. Let's take them together at Enterprising for Tomorrow 2026.

Be part of this story. Not just as a participant, but also as a valued partner.

Spread the word in your community and secure your participation



[conference website](#)