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## Press release



The project holders of the Impuls programme, alongside Christian Billon (Tremplin Foundation under the patronage of the Foundation of Luxembourg), Nadine Muller (Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social and Solidarity Economy) and Pelagia Baxevani (Impuls/nyuko)

### Recognition for the social projects of Impuls

The projects of the Impuls programme's most recent edition (2016-2017) held their final presentation on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The six project holders stood in front of a committee consisting of members of the Tremplin Foundation (under the patronage of the Foundation of Luxembourg), of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social and Solidarity Economy and of nyuko. The project holders' goal: to convince the committee of their idea within the allotted five minute pitch.

The event was given a new, more practical format, by the end of which three of the projects were awarded prizes. Just like in previous years, the Tremplin Foundation rewarded two innovative projects that showed the potential to be self-financing and that either promote social cohesion, or demonstrate a strong social or educative aspect. The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social and Solidarity Economy also awarded a prize.

This year, the Tremplin Prize, the programme's 10 000-euro prize was conferred to [APGS](#) (Association for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Stress). *"The Tremplin Foundation was greatly interested by APGS because the project is targetting people who have been weakened and isolated by chronic stress, thus promoting their social inclusion and cohesion. The approach of APGS is innovative and lines up well with the Tremplin Foundation's objectives in the development of social entrepreneurship"*, explains Christian Billon, President of the management board at the Tremplin Foundation.

Odette Sangaré, the representative of APGS, clarifies: *"The prize will allow our team to begin*

*a support programme for people suffering from depression or burnout at the start of 2018 and to continue the development of activities for the prevention of psychosocial risk in businesses."*

The Tremplin Foundation's "coup de coeur", a 2 500-euro prize, was awarded to Et Patata. This project, developed within the "Fondation Jugend- an Drogenh llef", offers gratifying jobs to drug addicts, thereby encouraging meetings between the addicts and the general population. Drug users who are stabilised are given the opportunity to work, at their pace, in a food truck that sells traditional French fries.

Finally, a project in the field of education, LuxKids Lab, received a 1 000-euro prize from the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social and Solidarity Economy. LuxKids Lab was started by two women who are passionate about science and offers science awareness workshops for children in a playful and interactive environment. LuxKids Lab aims to engage the curiosity of children and thus promote scientific experimentation as a learning tool.

The event marks the end of the 2016-2017 edition of the programme. Applications are now open for the next session, which will be launched at the beginning of March 2018. Project holders who are interested in taking part are invited to send in their application via the Impuls website. *"Even projects that have not yet been launched are welcome to participate in Impuls, as long as they aim to create a social, environmental or societal impact. We take special care to support these projects in the first steps of their development"*, affirms Pelagia Baxevani, the manager of the programme.

## About Impuls

Impuls, formerly known as 1,2,3 Go Social, targets social entrepreneurs and aims to support them in the realisation of their project through a close collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social and Solidarity Economy.

Impuls offers more than just supervision – the programme is designed to boost the realisation of socially and/or environmentally impactful projects through a series of elements:

- Collective courses
- Supervision by a project supporter
- Establishing of contact with experts
- Immersion in the nyuko coworking space

For more information, visit [www.impuls.lu](http://www.impuls.lu).

## About the Foundation of Luxembourg

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Created by the Luxembourg State and the "Œuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte", the Foundation of Luxembourg aims to promote and facilitate private philanthropic engagement.

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