Modelling (Social) Intra/Entrepreneurship Process

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Abstract
This study had three objectives: to discover the main concepts and theories used in research around entrepreneurship; systematize the entrepreneurial process in a model that allows teaching it more efficiently, and substantiate the model by applying it to various social entrepreneurship projects. To this end, a systematic scoping review was carried out to identify the main concepts, theories, and processes, which constitute the six crucial building blocks to someone could be successful as a(n) (social) intra/entrepreneur. Then, a design-science approach led us to use real social innovation and social entrepreneurship cases to evaluate the constructs and the model. Consequently, it is concluded that all concepts, theories and models identified can be classified as external factors (Context and Resources), internal factors (Objectives and entrepreneurial Will) and achievements (Action and Impact). The CROWAI model fits well with the data obtained on 465 innovation and social entrepreneurship projects. Thus, this model presents a more comprehensive approach, applicable to all profitable or social intra/entrepreneurship situations, allowing this new conceptual arrangement to be more easily taught. Additionally, it makes sense to use the term ‘social’ in innovation and intra/entrepreneurship because it has excellent defining power of the scope one wants to achieve with human endeavours.

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1- Introduction
It all started with the question: why is it necessary to express social orientation in strategic management, innovation, entrepreneurship, or intrapreneurship activities? If human beings are gregarious, one would expect them to have a social impact on all their activities. Recently, this ontological doubt was expressed at a scientific meeting sponsored by the Aspen Institute Business & Society Program and the Fetzer Institute, in which an emerging line of research related to corporate social intrapreneurship was discussed [1]. This issue is evident in the literature, clearly showing that although economic and social orientations are intricately linked, they can nevertheless lead to entrepreneurial initiatives with seemingly different focuses. One agreed with [2] when they argued that many economic or technologic innovations have social impact – one calls it ‘social externalities’ –, but social innovation would rather be about satisfying human and social needs that are not met by the market or by the State, which can lead to social entrepreneurship [3]. Based on social or human needs, the social entrepreneurs identify an opportunity for social business. Then, they can create a new product (good, service, idea, experience, information) that is considered a social innovation when through a(n) (social) entrepreneurial action, the novelty has success in the (social) market [4]. Thus, these reflections led us to another fundamental question: how can the entire entrepreneurial process be organized and systematized? There are contributions to theoretical modelling of the entrepreneurial [5-7] and intrapreneurship process [8], and to explain strategic

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entrepreneurship [9], as well as systematic literature reviews on social innovation and entrepreneurship [3, 10-12]. However, we believe that more comprehensive modelling that includes intrapreneurship and social entrepreneurship issues is lacking. Based on previous knowledge about (social) intra/entrepreneurial processes, one developed a new model with all the factors and conditions that may be in the genesis of (social) intra/entrepreneurial behaviour – context, resources, objectives, and will – as well as the role of innovation, and new approaches to entrepreneurial action and impact in society. All the constructs are interconnected and work in a permanent loop and feedback. The model is called CROWAI, the acronym for Context, Resources, Objectives, Will, Action, and Impact (Figure 1).

Thus, the purpose of this paper is to present a synthetic systematic scoping review of the literature that leads to the theoretical development of the CROWAI model with the focus on social innovation and social entrepreneurship; and to test the model using a public database of social entrepreneurship projects.

2- Literature Review

2-1- Context

The quality of the local, national, or international context that involves entrepreneurs is fundamental to the success of their ventures, being a facilitator of the entrepreneurial process [13-15]. In general, the context could also be seen as a resource, but one will deal with resources more narrowly in the next section. Román et al. [16] showed that social capital and network contact variables are strong and consistent predictors in the individual decision to start a new business. Thus, the study of networks can be included in the theme of entrepreneurial context [17]. For example, the importance of the entrepreneur's network of personal relationships is underlined by Elfring and Hulsink [18], as well as the network effect in the development of start-ups [19]. Networks can provide ideas, knowledge and material resources, and valuable new venture stakeholders [20]. More, important resources from other companies may be needed according to the Resource Dependence Theory [21, 22]. All the resources that a company or an entrepreneur or social entrepreneur can obtain in its network of connections are embodied in Social Capital [23, 24]. Another approach, related to knowledge as a network resource to the entrepreneur, points to unintentional flows that go from one point to another in each network – knowledge spill-overs –, and intentional flows called knowledge transfer [25]. The Knowledge Spill-Over Theory offers new insights into discovering business opportunities and how to materialize them [26-30].

There is also a close link between an individual's networks and entrepreneurial will, which is more significant and creative if their social relationships and past knowledge and experiences are more heterogeneous [31]. More, personal networking and improvisation provide different ways of dealing with an uncertain environment in the light of the constructionist theory [32]. The crucial role that a social and industrial network plays in the success of new entrepreneurial ventures [33] can be studied using several theories [13], such as the Social Network theory [34]; Actor, Resource, and Activity theory [20, 35]; and Actor-Network Theory [36]. It is possible to notice that the interconnection between context and resources is evident in the theories of networks. More, to tap into partners’ resources, organizations may have the opportunity to build Strategic Alliances with other companies or to use Open Innovation Communities [37, 38].

Figure 1. CROWAI model
Another approach to the network concept is that of ecosystems, developed by ecologists but adapted to organizations [39]. The concept of Business Ecosystem [40] or Entrepreneurial Ecosystem [41] or even the Territorial Innovation Models [42]: industrial districts, local production systems, etc. can be defined as a set of economic entities, social structures, and institutions, that cooperate through a business network in an established cultural environment. In this context, it was developed the Theory of Resilience of a system, defined by the ability to experience a disturbance or change and still maintain its basic function, structure, and identity; the ability to self-organize; and the ability to increase its capacity to learn and adapt [43]. Transformations in a system’s rules and dynamics can also be seen as social innovations with implications for a system’s ability to change or be resilient [44]. More, the entrepreneur's sensitivity to initial conditions, which is studied, for example, in Complexity Theory [45], demonstrates that systems are nonlinear, unpredictable, and dependent on history, determining decision-making processes adaptable to different environments [46].

Within the context theme, one can also include the existence of Incubators and their impact on business venturing and idea generation [47]. There are many approaches to this subject, such as the Networked Incubator, which is a ‘business incubator based on territorial synergy, relational symbiosis, and economies of scope’ [48]. Other terms used in this domain are: ‘Business Incubator’, ‘Business Accelerators’, ‘Research Parks’, ‘Science Parks’, ‘Knowledge Parks’, ‘Technological Parks’, ‘Social Innovation Parks’, ‘Seedbeds’, ‘Industrial Parks’, ‘Innovation Centres’, and ‘Technopoles’. Other authors [3] developed the Innovation Systems Theory, which aims at explaining the role of collective and interactive learning among institutions and organizations, including social innovation and the interdependency between social entrepreneurs and institutions. There are in the literature theories related to cross-sector collaboration [49] used for explaining structural developments in the knowledge-based economy [50], like the Triple Helix consisting of university-industry-government relations [51] or the Quadruple Helix, which also brings together civil society organizations [52]. In this context, the concept of Research and Development Networks also appears, which put together research projects of public institutions, private firms and government institutions [53]. Another similar approach is that of Innovation Ecosystems [54], which can be defined as nets of individuals and institutions focused on creating new products [55]. It is known that the social environment influences entrepreneurship and innovation [56, 57], and can shape organizations according to the Institutional Theory [58]. Institutions can be defined as norms, rules and beliefs in the social environment that condition organizational activity [59]. These contextual factors are entrepreneurship determinants [60] and innovation and knowledge diffusion [61]. More, institutions have shown their ability to foster or inhibit social entrepreneurship [62, 63].

On the one hand, public policies, programs, competitions, and prizes are also relevant to support entrepreneurship and innovation [64-68]. In particular, the State has a crucial role in establishing legal and tax conditions and a favourable institutional environment to promote social entrepreneurship [69]. On the other hand, strict public regulation can limit the development or commercialization of innovative products even if they are beneficial for society [70].

An entrepreneur can find and, perhaps, create a business and/or an intervention opportunity, both internally, within an organization, and externally, designing a new organization [71, 72]. As such, they can be seen as embedded agents [73], surrounded by a set of institutions that provides them with the opportunity to take part in an entrepreneurial process or socioeconomic agency [74]. It is defined that the appearance or identification of entrepreneurship or intrapreneurship opportunities is an event that happens within the context that surrounds an entrepreneur [e.g., 75]. Additionally, as proposed by the behavioural entrepreneurship theory [76], there may be a positive entrepreneurial posture based on internal, external, and strategic variables that allow the active search for new business opportunities with economic and social impact. Social entrepreneurs can also be considered an outcome of their social environment, and their endeavours as a part of a social network [77].

There are contextual motivations for social entrepreneurship within profitable companies that can be seen at the core of a corporate social responsibility strategy or as social intrapreneurship. Still, primarily social entrepreneurs create organizations in the so-called third sector. This sector exists due to the market system and the State failures to protect, support, and satisfy all social and individual needs [64, 78]. This sector represents non-profit organizations, in which there is no appropriation of the surplus generated by the organization [78], with an impersonal heritage in favour of a particular purpose or mission. More recently, it appeared a new hybrid sector (fourth sector) composed of organizations (social enterprises) and business models that intersect the public, private and social sectors [79, 80], seeking to address social problems through business ventures [81].

Finally, entrepreneurs who have in their environment the opportunity to attend entrepreneurial education from primary school until university courses or professional training may have a greater possibility and willingness to be a(n) (social) intra/entrepreneur [82, 83].

In conclusion, many theories explain why (social) intra/entrepreneurs are conditioned and stimulated by the context. Thus, one defines the context as the social, organizational, institutional, educational, and personal networks that contribute to (social) intra/entrepreneur’s availability and willingness to create new products, projects, or organizations.
2-2- Resources

The scope of the ‘resources’ construct is related to the ability of an entrepreneur to mobilize physical (e.g., raw materials, equipment), human (managers and workers), intellectual (intangible assets: trademark, copyright, trade secrets, contracts, and patents), and financial resources [84]. The resource-based view theory [85] is the most used in the literature of organizations to explain their success based on processes of internal accumulation, management and distribution of resources [86]. Thus, the entrepreneurs can see their ventures as a bundle of resources and capabilities that may be difficult to imitate [87]. Intangible resources are also presented in the literature in the context of invisible assets [88], internal competitive advantages [89], sustained competitive advantages [21], core competencies [90], dynamic capabilities [91], knowledge [92], market orientation [93], innovativeness [94], ability to innovate [95], or absorptive capacity [96]. There are dozens of theories and models that can help entrepreneurs to manage their resources efficiently and effectively. Thus, one highlights some of them that have been used in many studies: value chain analysis [97]; strategic planning [98]; Trade-Off and Pecking Order theories [99]; and transformational and transactional leadership theory [100].

Therefore, this approach sees resources in a more restricted way, as everything the entrepreneur needs to produce economic, social, ecological, or psychological value. The study of Kim et al. [101] argued that the most critical resource for being an entrepreneur is human capital, particularly when they have advanced education and managerial experience. Another study [102] presented knowledge management as the main drive behind the set of organizational competencies. Other approaches [103, 104] defended that human knowledge, structural, and relational capabilities are included in the concept of intellectual capital. All these concepts are competencies that are essential contributions to the entrepreneur’s objectives through innovation and to the entrepreneurial will. Several approaches to market orientation [93, 105] include the organizational learning concept, which may enhance entrepreneurial characteristics at the individual level, promoting an entrepreneurial climate in organizations and intrapreneurship [106]. Entrepreneurs can make flexible use of resources, depending on their goals and the need to be competitive and thriving in the market or society [85, 87]. Thus, one defines resources as the physical, human, intellectual, and financial building blocks that allow entrepreneurs to develop their projects.

2-3- Objectives

The ‘objectives’ construct is related to the goals that entrepreneurs aim to achieve, depending on the context and available resources. Any new project, to be successful, must have competitive advantages, which can be gained in terms of product, price, distribution, communication, processes, people, partners, and/or organization’s purposes [107]. Thus, one is talking about innovation, which should have societal sustainability concerns, i.e., economic, social, ecological, and psychological balance of human life [108], as a requirement of current consumers. Consequently, (social) innovation can also lead to new business models, new projects within an organization, or new (social) organizations. It presents definitions of innovation, social innovation, business model, value proposition, societal sustainability, corporate social responsibility, entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, intrapreneurship, and social intrapreneurship, as possible leading entrepreneurs’ goals.

Based on the works of several authors [98, 108-111], innovation is defined as the generation and ability to change or adapt new products (goods, services, ideas, information, experiences) or processes so that organizations can successfully advance, compete and differentiate themselves in the market, preparing the future through an interactive process involving formal and informal relationships between various actors in a network.

Beyond technological, business, and digital innovation, the focus is social innovation, which can be defined as the creation of new solutions (ideas, activities, processes, goods, services) that are successful in solving social problems, often with limited resources, seeking for political recognition, financial support, voluntary labour, and philanthropic commitment. In this perspective, social innovation includes concepts such as socio-ecological innovation or sustainable innovation [112, 113] because the cause of ecological and social sustainability cannot today be removed from the concerns of people and organizations. Many for-profit organizations also engage in social innovation, namely through their corporate social responsibility activities or because they have been designed to serve a social purpose [114]. Some social innovations can be incremental, while others are radical or disruptive, promoting social change [115], transforming approaches and situations, like those targeting new customers in the low-income markets [116].

There are other specific approaches related to frugal innovation [117], inclusive innovation [118, 119], and responsible innovation [120], which are included in the concept of social innovation. The first can be seen as a strategy to reduce costs, concentrate the products on core functionalities, and meet the minimum performance level, to achieve the most affordable prices [121] for the poor, namely the consumers of the Base of the Pyramid countries [122]. This type of consumer can also benefit from inclusive innovations that create or enhance opportunities to improve their wellbeing [123]. In this context, Plíková et al. [124] presented the concept of inclusive entrepreneurship that represents a goal of a social entrepreneur, who helps individuals from vulnerable populations to overcome their state of poverty and/or social exclusion. Many strategies facilitate the creation of social innovation as an objective for the (social) intra/entrepreneur, but this theme is beyond the focus of this paper.
Mirvis and Googins [75] presented an attractive model (corporate social innovation spectrum) that shows the continuum between social value and economic value, passing through the blended value, including socio-commercial innovation. The concept of social design also exists, which consists of a tailor-made approach to the needs of marginal groups or minorities [125]. One can also have innovation in the way one develops a business, i.e., the objective could be a new business model, which in the case of non-profit organizations can aim to overcome the traditional lack of funds and their difficulties to grow and operate at scale [126]. Thus, based on the literature (e.g., [108, 127-132]), one defines a business model as a conceptual and operational tool that describes the value proposition offered to the stakeholders through a product (good, service, idea, experience, information), as well as the organization and coordination of critical activities, team and partners, and the design of a marketing plan to deliver that value and achieve societal sustainability.

Elkington [133] presented the three P’s: people, planet, and profit – triple bottom line – as the three pillars of sustainability. This theory was enhanced by the inclusion of psychological value and psychological sustainability [128, 134]. The concept of psychological sustainability includes the concepts of mental and subjective well-being, self-esteem, emotional balance, and fulfilment (e.g., new knowledge, skills, attitudes, awareness, openness, and behaviour changes), as well as a feeling of self-efficacy [135]. Thus, based on several research streams and international reports [93, 128, 134-141], one defines societal sustainability as the outcome of the contributions of all complementary aspects of sustainability: economic viability, ecological stewardship, social equity, and psychological balance.

Studies [e.g., 142, 143] showed that social-oriented companies could develop new business models to effectively and profitably address low-income markets, contributing to regional and national societal development. In general, new business models consider the role of stakeholders [144]; collaborative value creation [132, 145-147]; the creation of social and shared value [148]; and multiple value creation [127, 133].

Entrepreneurs as owners of organizations or intrapreneurs look for their businesses to show Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or Corporate Citizenship [149, 150]. Thus, CSR is a possible objective for (social) intra/entrepreneurs. Stewardship theory argued that managers could be good ‘stewards’ of an organization’s assets, satisfying shareholders and stakeholders [151] and preserving its ability to survive and carry out its mission [152]. Social entrepreneurs can develop steward-based organizations whose altruistic motives can become institutionalized [153]. Stakeholder theory is commonly used in the context of other theories, and it defends that CSR decisions and activities can be beneficial for organizational performance because nonfinancial stakeholders demand them [154]. The theory of the firm also studies the impact of managers’ decisions on the organizations’ financial performance, namely maximization of shareholder value and, obviously, CSR decisions and activities that affect organizations’ outcomes [155]. The institutional theory tries to explain how sustainability or CSR are accepted and implemented in the organizations’ practices, thus becoming institutionalized [155]. Therefore, and based on many other studies (e.g., 93, 149, 150, 154-158) it is argued that an organization is social responsible if it is productive and profitable, satisfying the needs of all stakeholders; law-abiding, including paying taxes and complying with the social and ecological regulations; follows the socially established ethical standards; and, in a volunteer basis, having philanthropic activities as an additional contribution to social welfare.

Entrepreneurship, as an objective, can be defined as the process of creating a product (good, service, experience, information, or idea) or a project, frequently through an organization, to serve and satisfy human wants and needs [127, 159, 160]. Likewise, intrapreneurship may be seen as the process of recognition and exploitation of opportunities that includes the creation of new businesses related to the organization’s current products, processes or markets, the design of new products and technologies, the contribution to the organization’s strategy reformulation, reorganization and change, and an orientation to enhance organizational competitiveness [8, 161].

However, social entrepreneurship aims at enhancing social welfare, namely the sustainability for both people and the planet [162], looking for solutions to neglected problems [163] through a new combination of resources that creates social value [164-166], stimulate social change, or create new organizations [167].

In particular, the difference between a social entrepreneur and a social intrapreneur is that the former creates an organization to attend to human needs of a more social, psychological or ecological character, having the primary purpose of contributing to their resolution than making a personal profit, and viewing the stakeholders as the ‘ends’ and the non-profit organization or the social enterprise as the ‘means’ of entrepreneurship [92]. On the other hand, a social intrapreneur aims at balancing entrepreneurial profit with additional non-financial earnings within an organization [1, 72, 168, 169].

Although social innovation is embedded in any social entrepreneurial venture [170], not all social innovations imply new social organizations because they can be implemented by for-profit, non-profit enterprises or public institutions [120]. In resume, one can propose a path between four levels towards social entrepreneurship [4]: (1) there are social and human needs; (2) many of them will have a response through the creation of a product (good, service, experience, information, idea) with success in the market or society; (3) some of these products are social innovations implemented by social intra/entrepreneurs; and (4) some of them will give rise to the creation of a new organization – social entrepreneurship.
It is concluded that an individual to be a (social) intra/entrepreneur should have, at least, one of these objectives: to create or develop a(n) (social) innovation; a new (social) business model; a unique value proposition; a way to pursue societal sustainability; new corporate social responsibility activities; or to create or develop a new organization.

2-4- Entrepreneurial Will

The entrepreneurial will has to do with the competencies, skills, individual personality traits, the need for survival, the desire to be an entrepreneur, education for entrepreneurship, work and family background, demographic profiles, and all other individual factors that can influence a person to create and/or develop a new business or social activity. Thus, it also includes what Bird [10] called entrepreneurial intention, as a ‘psychological process, state, or act of conscious willing in the present to make some experience true, realised, manifested, or created in the future. Of course, entrepreneurship will also depend on a favourable context, accessibility to the necessary resources, and determining objectives to achieve.

Several theories try to explain entrepreneurial intention. For example, the theory of reasoned behaviour [171] or planned behaviour [172] defends that intention is influenced by attitude towards the behaviour, which is controlled by an individual’s choice to engage in that behaviour. Another approach is entrepreneurial event theory from Shapiro and Sokol [173], which is based on examining life path changes and their impact on individual intention to create a new venture. Another one is the process-driven theory [174], based on an individual’s perception of self-efficacy and external environmental factors, which shape attitude, form an intention, and lead to entrepreneurial action.

Based on the studies of many authors [44, 175, 176], a list of five crucial and general competencies and skills that an entrepreneur should develop: thinking/analysing, self-management, influencing, objective achievement, and technical.

There are other approaches, for example: Leyden et al. [31] showed that an entrepreneur is an individual who embraces uncertainty and is an innovator; Sánchez et al. [177] considered the cognitive adaptability as a key competence, being the cognitive aspects (e.g., beliefs to values, cognitive styles, mental processes) the elements that differentiate entrepreneurs from non-entrepreneurs; García [176] proposed that success depend on the level of expertise in entrepreneurial scripts (cognitive abilities); Mitchell et al. [178] considered, on the basis of the theory of expert information processing, that some cognitive scripts (arrangements, ability, and willingness) are crucial for the entrepreneurs to make assessments, judgments, or decisions involving opportunity evaluation, venture creation, and growth; Thorgren and Omoredé [179] highlighted the role of leader’s passion; Grimes et al. [73] defended that compassion is a fundamental motivation to encourage the entrepreneur’s agency required to engage in social entrepreneurship; Paço et al. [180] studied students’ entrepreneurial intention on the basis of the planned behaviour theory, underlying the importance of education and training for entrepreneurship; however, the me-ta-analysis of Van Der Sluis et al. [181] showed that higher levels of education may generate more lucrative wage employment and thus decrease the likelihood of individuals to be entrepreneurs; Brockhaus and Horwitz [182] pointed out that there is a positive relation-ship between the family background and the emergence of entrepreneurs; Smith and Woodward [183], on the basis of social identity [184] and self-efficacy theories [135], presented an approach to social entrepreneurship education; Peterson et al. [185] indicated a positive correlation between psychological capital and innovative behaviour; Dyer et al. [186] defended that innovative entrepreneurs have creative intelligence, as they associate, question, observe, experiment and network; White et al. [187] presented the biosocial model of entrepreneurialship, and concluded that new venture creation is more likely among those individuals having a higher testosterone level in combination with a family business background; Benzing et al. [188] concluded on their literature review and study that the primary reasons for starting a business depends on the country and can be resumed by the need to increase income, to obtain job and/or family security, to secure independence and autonomy, the existence of intrinsic and extrinsic rewards, and the challenge and achievement of personal satisfaction; Akehurst et al. [189] concluded that job satisfaction and commitment to the team have a positive effect on intrapreneurship; Papagiannidis et al. [190] presented in their literature review evidence that human capital, including prior knowledge and work experience, provides individuals with increases in their cognitive abilities, which is positively associated with new business creation; Hartog et al. [191] showed that general ability has a stronger impact on entrepreneurial incomes than on wages, being mathematical, social, and technical ability more valuable for entrepreneurs, who achieve higher income because they have a more balanced set of the various kinds of ability, supporting Jack-of-all-trades theory [192: balanced set of competencies across different fields]; Fine et al. [175] concluded that there are several personality traits that are characteristic of entrepreneurs, namely achievement motivation, risk-taking propensity, tolerance for ambiguity, perseverance, internal locus of control, interpersonal collaboration, autonomy and independence, openness and flexibility, and good citizen-ship; Gimmon and Levie [193] studied through a meta-analysis and on the basis of instrumental value theory [194] the impact of different human capital factors (academic titles, age, education, entrepreneurial mind-set, ethnicity, founder’s team compatibility, gender, general management experience, industry-related experience, learning ability, parent(s) were entrepreneurs, and start-up experience) on the performance of new ventures, concluding that all factors presented studies where they were significant and non-significant; Rathna and Vijaya [195] found out that intrapreneurs rated managerial behaviour competencies as significantly more important and frequently used than entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurs rated venturing
behaviour competencies as significantly more important and frequently used than intrapreneurs; Hechavarria et al. [196] presented a motivational model of nascent entrepreneurial start-up outcomes based on goal setting [197] and social cognitive theory [198], concluding that having a formalized business plan and higher self-efficacy contributed to maintaining in a start-up effort versus quitting among nascent entrepreneurs; and López-Núñez et al. [199], based on Big-Five personality traits or OCEAN model, stated that the group of entrepreneurs and university students with high entrepreneurial intention have the same entrepreneurial psychological profile, which is characterized by high scores in extraversion, conscientiousness, openness to experience, emotional intelligence, self-confidence and tolerance to ambiguity and low scores in agreeableness and neuroticism.

In resume, without favourable conditions and factors predicted for the construct of entrepreneurial will, an individual could have more difficulty in being successful as a social/intra entrepreneur. Thus, one defines the entrepreneurial will as the desire to be a(n) (social) intra/entrepreneur, based on the context, available resources, and individual objectives. However, intra/entrepreneurs also need to implement their ventures.

2-5- Action

There are several ways described in the literature about how (social) intra/entrepreneurs decided to achieve their objectives. One focus on behaviours aimed at implementing and developing entrepreneurship. Entrepreneurial action may be defined as involving ‘all the functions, activities, and actions associated with perceiving opportunities and creating organizations to pursue them’ [200]. In practice, there are situations where the entrepreneurial action is planned, others where it is improvised, and others where it is a consequence of past experiences [201]. These authors concluded that any approach has risks and their effects depend on entrepreneurs’ choices. More, one can consider that all the views about entrepreneurial action are compatible and not mutually exclusive [202], depending on the context conditions, and can be complementary throughout the process [203].

Perrini et al. [204] proposed a model based on a process-view of social entrepreneurship, including an individual and a contextual dimension around opportunity identification, evaluation, formalization, exploitation, and scaling-up. Some several entrepreneurial methods or processes do not rely upon an overall plan. For example, the practice of a continuous effort with everyday tiny moves to achieve an objective called ‘tinkering’ [205] or the use of experimentation in the venture creation process [206].

Other methods have been studied in the practices of entrepreneurs, as are the cases of bricolage, bootstrapping and pivoting. Bricolage comes from an anthropological perspective [207]. What is important is ‘making do’, ‘improvisation’, and a refusal to be constrained by limitations, using the available resources to solve new problems and grasp new opportunities [208]. It could be a means for social entrepreneurs to overcome institutional restrictions [62], a way to involve the community in the cause and to achieve long-term organizational sustainability [201], and the possibility to bring existing social activities or practices to a new level [32].

Similarly, bootstrapping relies also upon improvisation with what is available to the entrepreneur [209]. It allows business operations to continue without the aid of external financial resources [210] by accessing financial capital through informal and alternative ways (e.g., obtaining advanced payments, interest on overdue invoices, avoiding customers that make late payments, delaying payments to suppliers), or minimizing or eliminating the actual need for financing (e.g., owner’s financial resources, loans or credit cards, loans from family and friends, joint-utilization of resources with other firms) by securing resources at minimal or no cost [211].

Pivoting is to change organizational strategy [212, 213] or the business model to accommodate changes in the industry, customer preferences, or any other factor that may impact the objectives. This approach happens many times in the early days because the entrepreneur is still learning with the market response [214]. Ries [213] and Blank [212] presented pivoting and the minimum viable product in the context of the concept of lean start-up, which defends the principle of avoiding waste. To build ideas into products, measure how customers respond, and then learn whether to pivot or persevere are fundamental activities of an entrepreneur. Thus, all the activities that do not contribute to learning about the clients are a waste. The lean start-up favours experimentation, customer feedback, and iterative design over traditional planning approaches [212].

However, the non-planning approach that has been more successful in the literature is effectuation [215]. This explanation for the entrepreneurial process considers that entrepreneurs usually cope with resource-constrained environments where they have to maximize the use of resources at hand, such as abilities, expertise and networks. Organizational objectives evolve based on available resources and entrepreneurial imagination [201, 216]. They defend that causal logic is not suited for entrepreneurship processes inherently characterized by uncertainties and risks. Sarasvathy [215] presented five principles of the effectuation process: entrepreneurs can create their opportunities (pilot-in-the-plane) and solutions with the available resources (bird-in-hand), considering that mistakes and surprises are inevitable and can be used to look for new opportunities (lemonade principle), that entering into new partnerships can bring new funds and directions to the venture (crazy quilt), and that they should only invest as much as they are willing
to lose (affordable loss). A recent paper [217] presents a deep discussion about environmental uncertainty types and strategies associated with those different settings. It seems that the more strongly an entrepreneur perceives a problem to be ill-structured, the more that entrepreneur might prefer non-causal logics, particularly effectuation, over causal logics.

Nonetheless, as defended by many authors [93, 127, 218], planning is necessary when an entrepreneur wants to achieve specific goals and needs resources that will be affordable if the business is successful. When it is required to raise financial capital, apply to governmental funds, attract new partners, or scale up the company, it is vital to present some predicted facts and figures to gather the needed support. For that purpose, it is necessary to design a business plan. This approach is called causation, as the entrepreneur’s rational decision process is based on the principles of opportunity recognition, evaluation, and exploitation [160]. McMullen and Dimov [201] argued that a causal approach is essential for a successful organization but should not come too early. It could prevent the community from becoming involved in the entrepreneurial project. The idea is to collect everything good for the social project through an open innovation process [219] involving the community and/or target people [220]. Lubberink et al. [120] defended that social innovation is only considered as responsible when the innovation process is based on public participation and deliberation. More, as Balta et al. [221] argued, adopting an entrepreneurial orientation with a market-oriented strategy provides the potential for sustainability and growth of social enterprises. Thus, entrepreneurial and market orientations are also innovative processes that contribute to the fulfillment of social missions and the success of the organizations [108].

In resume, all entrepreneurial processes are helpful to be successful, depending on the stage of the business, the context faced by the entrepreneurs, and the objectives they want to achieve in each moment.

2-6- Impact

Cieslik [11] pointed out that one of the significant concerns in social entrepreneurship is economic sustainability. Social ventures need to be effective and sustainable in practices that preserve or enhance economic, social, ecological, and psychological well-being [134, 222]. Additionally, one is aware that social intrapreneur impact not only organizational results but also society by creating shared value [148].

Many variables (e.g., entrepreneurial orientation, market orientation, social innovation, social capital, human capital, social value, internal capabilities, external networks, corporate social responsibility) seems to have a positive impact on the financial performance and survival of start-up businesses and social organizations [223, 224]. Other studies found that the benefits of participating in socially relevant activities within companies include personal and job satisfaction and enhancing competencies like problem-solving and leadership skills [225]. More, entrepreneurs can create employment, increase territories’ wealth, and contribute to productivity growth [226, 227]. Social economy and social entrepreneurship can positively affect regional development and social inclusion [159, 228].

It is possible to notice in the literature [93, 229-232] that several models can be applied to assess the organizational performance and impact, such as the Balanced Scorecard, REQI (results, efficiency, quality, and innovation), COSI (core organizational stakeholder impact), Balanced value matrix, Social impact for local economies (SIMPLEs), Potential for social value frame method, etc. In resume, the impact is defined as the outcomes and results obtained by the (social) intra/entrepreneurial process at the economic, ecological, social, and psychological levels.

Thus, we conclude through this scoping review that there is a gap in the literature related to the non-existence of modelling of the entrepreneurial process that covers its various forms, social or profitable, internal or external to organizations, and that can include all concepts, theories and models that are currently being developed in scientific research. Hence the proposal of the CROWAI model, which capitalizes on all this evolution, and broadly covers all these aspects.

3- Methods

Several systematic literature reviews have been on social innovation and entrepreneurship [e.g., 3, 10-12]. However, the specific target for our literature review led us to choose a systematic scoping review as the most appropriate method to interpret and synthesise international research about the concepts and theories around the entrepreneurship process, social entrepreneurship, intrapreneurship, social intrapreneurship, corporate social responsibility, and social innovation [233]. We followed the path of Arksey and O'Malley's [234] methodological framework for scoping reviews, with a five-phase approach: (1) developing a research question; (2) systematically identifying relevant studies; (3) charting the data; and (4) and (5) collating and analysing the results.

Our scoping review was guided by the research question: how can the entire entrepreneurial process be organized and systematized in a simple model, including the main concepts and theories? In the second and third phases, we systematically identified relevant studies by developing a search protocol that has included eight databases: Academic Search Complete, Elsevier, Journal Citation Reports, Sage, Springer, Taylor & Francis, Web of Science, and Wiley. The search terms adopted as keywords were: ‘entrepreneur* process’ OR ‘social entrepreneurship’ OR ‘intrapreneurship’ OR ‘social intrapreneurship’ OR ‘corporate social responsibility’ OR ‘social innovation’. Of course, there are thousands of
papers about these topics. It was decided to find a manageable number of articles for the initial review, which was discovered by combining two, or three by three, fixing the keyword ‘entrepreneur* process’ and adding the others. We decided to start the review with the most recent articles on each topic. Then, a snowball approach was taken, following backwards in time the concepts and theories related to the study topics. When we reached a stage of conceptual saturation, verified by the repetition of concepts or theories, we decided to close the literature review (Table 1). Then, in the fourth and fifth phases, it was decided what concepts and theories are more developed in the literature, trying to synthesise all the findings in the literature review for this paper. This work allowed the theoretical development of the CROWAI model as the second purpose of the study.

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The third purpose led us to use a research method based on a design-science approach [235] with the theoretical substantiation of CROWAI model constructs, using actual cases of social innovation and social entrepreneurship to evaluate both outputs. We used public data from the ‘Portugal Social Innovation’ initiative that aims to promote social innovation and boost the social investment market in Portugal (https://inovacaosocial.portugal2020.pt/en/about-us/portugal-inovacao-social/). It is a pioneering experience in Europe, as Portugal is the only Member State that has reserved part of the Community funds until 2020 to try new financing instruments that aim to foster innovation and social investment (around 150 million euros from the European Social Fund). Its goals are to promote innovation and social entrepreneurship as a way to generate new solutions to social problems, to streamline the social investment market, create financing instruments that are more suited to the specific needs of the social economy sector, and to capacitate the actors of the innovation and social entrepreneurship system in Portugal, improving the response levels of social economy entities and contributing to their economic and financial sustainability.

Portugal Social Innovation manages four financing instruments aimed at supporting the development of social innovation projects. Each of the four instruments is oriented towards a specific stage in the life cycle of social innovation projects. There also is the participation of one or more social investors (public or private entities that accompany or co-finance projects). The financing of each project is approved upon submission of organizations’ applications within the scope of annual open calls. All data is available online on the site of the project.

4- Results and Discussion

As mentioned before, the result of the scoping review is synthesised in the literature review and Table 2.

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Previous models of the entrepreneurial process presented a more narrow approach based on the creation of a new venture across four dimensions, namely the entrepreneur, the type of organization created, the environment, and the new venture process [6], or privileging the role of the entrepreneur and new value creation within an open system related to the environment and time [5]. Another model related to strategic entrepreneurship [9] presented an input-output process that includes environmental factors, organizational and individual resources, creating value, competitive advantages, and societal, organizational and individual benefits. Additionally, Moroz and Hindle [218] presented Sarasvathy’s dynamic model of effectuation as an entrepreneurial process model. Still, we consider that this model is about a particular stage of all processes, essentially related to an existing entrepreneur’s means, actions and goals. In the intrapreneurship field [e.g., 8], we can notice a model that includes the role of the individual (characteristics, attitudes, and behaviours), the organizational factors, and the impact on organizational performance. Thus, the model proposed in this article manages to extend the entire process to six crucial building blocks for someone to become an entrepreneur, which is not achieved in such a comprehensive way with the existing models. This model has the advantage of clarifying exogenous and endogenous factors and ways to realize entrepreneurial will and its societal impacts. Furthermore, it updates and includes the main concepts, theories and models that have been developed in research.

Now, it will be presented an analysis of all the social organizations that won an idea competition and, as such, obtained public funding in the last two years. This analysis will illustrate how the CROWAI model allows us to explain the different phases of the entrepreneurial process. So far, no project has yet been approved for the ‘social innovation fund’, but two calls are already open. This funding tool facilitates access to credit and co-invest in organizations involved in social innovation and social entrepreneurship projects, thereby addressing the lack of financing solutions for the specific needs of these types of projects. Table 3 shows the distribution of projects by the four types of financing for this social innovation and entrepreneurship program.

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The other three instruments are:

(1) Capacity building for social investment, which directly supports the implementing organization for developing teams’ organizational and management skills involved in the implementation of social innovation projects. It also incentives to training consultancy, in the organization itself, with co-creation of knowledge. Payment is made for previously contracted output and not for reimbursement of expenses.

(2) Partnerships for impact, which supports the creation, implementation and growth of social innovation projects, ensuring 70% of net financing needs and 30% guaranteed by private or public social investors.

(3) Social impact bonds, which finances innovative projects aimed at obtaining social results and efficiency gains in priority areas of public policy, in the fields of Employment, Social Protection, Education, Health or Justice. Payment is made depending on the results: contracting of measurable social results. The application is made through a partnership between the Implementing Entity (which carries out the project), the Social Investors (which finance the project) and the Public Entity (which validates the alignment of the project with public policy and the relevance of the results to be contracted). If the results previously contracted are achieved, the Social Investors are fully reimbursed.

Analysing all the projects that were approved for funding, one can notice that they can be framed within the CROWAI model. First, all the projects were designed based on the context. Many of the concepts predicted on this construct are present. It started to exist a public program to promote social innovation with public regulation. There are intrapreneural and entrepreneurial opportunities based on societal needs in a particular social environment; otherwise, there would be no substance for social intervention projects. The concept of territorial innovation models can also be seen in the way the program was divided into five regions (North, Centre, Lisbon, Alentejo, and Algarve), leading entrepreneurs to think locally in terms of social networks, institutions, stakeholders, and strategic alliances (other associations, foundations, other social economy entities, banks and insurance companies, other companies, universities, municipalities and inter-municipal entities, other public entities), what can be considered their business or innovation ecosystems. It is not possible to verify the existence of R & D networks. Still, the support of several public and private universities in many projects allows us to think that many social interventions will target research and further development by formed consortia. All regions have entrepreneurship education at the university level, professional schools, incubators, and municipal support offices. The data does not allow us to confirm the existence of open innovation communities because it misses the history of the development of the social innovation idea. Finally, in addition to projects in the third sector, and because many of them presuppose social investment partnerships, there are also many hybrid organizations in the fourth sector.

Second, the resources’ construct is evident because the entrepreneurs applied for financing to obtain the necessary resources to implement their projects. Data about the ‘capacity building for social investment’ in the years of 2017 and 2018 show the do-mains in which funding was requested that are present in descending order of importance: marketing, communication and fundraising (81% - 73.7%); Impact assessment (60.7% - 66.7%); strategies, partnerships and growth (62.5% - 51.5%); value creation model (49.4% - 46.5%), structure, governance, leadership and human resources (56.5% - 32.3%); operations and information technology management (50.6% - 32.3%); and financial management and risk control (32.1% - 34.3%). This program aims at financing the needed resources for new social innovation and social entrepreneurship projects. In addition to financial, intangible resources are the most chosen by entrepreneurs, encompassing most concepts used in the context of this construct.

Third, this program has goals that match the objectives of social intra/entrepreneurs involved in the applications. The intra/entrepreneurs proposed social innovation and entrepreneurship projects, being the majority (around 63%) validated and approved, including new value propositions and business models, corporate social responsibility, namely by the partners, inclusive entrepreneurship, and societal sustainability.

Fourth, there is a strong entrepreneurial will because the competition for this program requires many planning actions, negotiating partnerships, and studying social problems. Thus, all the concepts included in this construct may be present. However, data do not present the profile of the entrepreneurs because the unit of analysis is the implementing entities: Associations, Houses of Mercy, Social and Parish Centres, Foundations, Cooperatives, and Institute of Religious Organization. However, there are, of course, entrepreneurs behind organisations, without whom there would be no entrepreneurship.

Fifth, the action construct is about the way entrepreneurs do things to implement their ventures. In this context, entrepreneurs used a causation approach because they needed to compete in the program, which required a structured plan about the idea, its development, implementation, and impact. However, the other entrepreneurial processes should be used, namely by the projects that were not approved. These entrepreneurs will possibly rely on improvisation, adaptation to the lack of resources, and/or adjustment of their strategies, using effectuation, experimentation, bricolage, bootstrapping or pivoting approaches; otherwise, they will give up their projects.
Finally, the sixth construct is ‘impact’. All approved projects had to be very realistic in presenting the expected impacts, and the experts considered that they had this estimated merit. Looking to the impact areas of the projects, namely citizenship and community, education, employment, digital inclusion, social inclusion, social innovation incubators, justice, and health (Table 1), it is possible to verify their pertinence and importance to societal sustainability.

5- Conclusion

This study aimed to substantiate six constructs or building blocks through a systematic scoping review, covering the fundamental aspects for an entrepreneur to succeed. It is argued that if they have the context and resources adjusted to their entrepreneurial goals, their willpower will suffice for an entrepreneurial process to take place and positively impact society. Consequently, it is proposed a model called CROWAI that resumes these aspects of the entrepreneurship process: Context, Resources, Objectives, Will, Action, and Impact. Each construct includes the main concepts and theories referred on the literature. Finally, we used social innovation and social entrepreneurship cases to confirm that the model could be a simple and good framework for describing all phases of the entrepreneurial process. The CROWAI model makes a valuable contribution to the practice of (social) intra/entrepreneurship because it presents an alignment that facilitates the development of new ventures and the practical teaching of this area of knowledge.

Returning to the initial rhetorical question (why is it necessary to express social orientation in the activities of strategic management, innovation, entrepreneurship, or intrapreneurship?), for everything we study, it seems to be essential to maintain the designation of social innovation and social entrepreneurship, since it is evident that there are differences between these concepts and the similar ones related to business. In our opinion, when one refers to something that has a social concern in the first place, one immediately imagines that it is an organization of the third sector, at most of the hybrid sector. The forms of financing and income of these organizations present particular issues, often challenging to resolve. In addition to this, there is a significant difference in the fact that if a company goes bankrupt, it is because it had no market, so it was not economically sustainable. But if it is a social organization, which can also fail due to lack of resources, the object of its activity remains; that is, the social problem does not disappear in society. Finally, the use of the social aim in corporate social responsibility, as well as in intrapreneurship, has the same raison d'être, which may imply a decrease in income for the owner or shareholder of the company in the first phase, but also an increase in productivity and business by increasing its reputation as a company concerned with social issues, which often becomes a competitive advantage in the developed world.

This study has some limitations, namely that it is impossible to refer here all the existing literature around the concepts and theories presented. For future research, it is proposed to use the CROWAI model in other sectors to increase its substantiation. Finally, one hopes that this model will help researchers, teachers, and practitioners to develop their work and action plan.

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