



# 2021

ACTIVITY REPORT

## The political world represents a "wind in the sails" that today blows infavor of Social and Solidarity Economy

It seems like yesterday, but two years dedicated in an intense way to tackle and solve all the problems resulting from the COVID-19, have passed.

As usual, the Social and Solidarity Economy has always found OPPORTUNITIES in the midst of difficulties. Opportunities supported by our intention to always help, to be close to people and their needs.

As a result of this statement, which is undoubtedly part of our social DNA, today the collective recognizes us as a necessary economy to be able to overcome future social, environmental, public and also public health crises.

However, the changes continue, the economic situation changes, and the Social and Solidarity Economy continues with the tendency to help to expand and not to extract. The political world represents a "wind in the sails" that today blows in our favor.

For this reason, the year 2022 was marked by the adoption of three important texts for the social and solidarity economy at the global level. On Friday, June 10, 2022, the International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted a resolution and conclusions on decent work and the social and solidarity economy, which include an international definition of SSE, guiding principles for addressing challenges and opportunities, the role of governments and social partners, and the mandate of the ILO Office on SSE. On the same day, a recommendation on the social and solidarity economy and innovation was adopted by the OECD Council of Ministers, chaired by Italy and co-chaired by Mexico. The recommendation is the first internationally agreed policy framework to promote and develop the Social and Solidarity Economy and Social Innovation and to ensure their continued development. At the European level, the adoption of the Social Economy Action Plan in December 2021 also marks a new chapter in the promotion of the Social Economy.

The political shifts in the American continent offer a great opportunity for the sector and again a huge responsibility on our part. In the 21st century, Latin America has been characterized by a pendulum movement to both sides of the political spectrum. During the first decade, the continent was governed by the so-called "pink tide", which developed a clear trend and narrative of class struggle and a very strong anti-American sentiment.

Thus, after a period of questionable right-wing dictatorships during the 1970s, the region experienced, for the first time, the phenomenon of several left-wing leaders coming to power: Venezuela (1999), Brazil (2003), Argentina (2003), Bolivia (2006), Ecuador (2007), Paraguay (2008), Uruguay (2009), Chile (2006) and Peru (2011). This allowed, among other things, the creation of UNASUR, an organization that was born as a response to the strengthening of the movement in the region, ideologically led by Hugo Chávez and Fidel Castro.

This "pink tide" presented different degrees of ideological radicalism, which in the words of Vargas Llosa was a Carnivorous Left represented by Chávez and Castro, which encompassed a wide range up to what is called the Moderate and Vegetarian Left, represented by Bachelet in Chile.

Thanks to this ephemeral economic recovery of raw materials that the region has experienced and to the implementation of several erratic economic policies, the continent has represented an economic slowdown, and with it a social wear, which becomes the reason for a turn towards a new political recomposition of the region, both for the electoral defeats and for the dismissal processes in Brazil.

This was how the continent once again presented a pendulum movement towards marked right-wing leaderships, which managed to have a greater impact after the death of Chávez and Castro, so much so that their movement was overshadowed by the creation of an alternative regional integration organization named PROSUR and led by conservative countries.

All this, after a decade in power and the impossibility of producing a scaled and generalized economic growth in the region, in response to the attrition that these governments have begun to present in 2018, which have been

marked by permanent social breakdowns, a fracture of inequality that does not manage to close, a generalized poverty in the continent and the lack of opportunities for young people. All this situation, because of the COVID-19, has become more visible from one moment to another and today opens the door to a new ideological shift.

Currently, the countries that are led by right-wing governments are only Ecuador, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil and Colombia for a few more days, with high levels of unpopularity.

Central America, on its part, also presented a recomposition of power in countries such as Mexico, after the arrival of Manuel Felipe López Obrador in 2018; Panama with Laurentino Cortizo; Honduras with Xiomara Castro and, recently with the re-election of Daniel Ortega, for fifth time to the mandate, a governor notably attached to the power in Nicaragua. Cuba maintains itself.

This renewed left, despite the promises of a better distribution of wealth, better access to health and education and a wide range of assistance, will be confronted with a collapsed and overburdened economic system after the pandemic; with an inflation rate that is impossible to control; with a war without hopeful borders in Ukraine with a clear impact in the region; with legislative congresses still without qualified majorities for the management of reforms and public order policies. Moreover will have to confront with an active, dissatisfied and complaining citizenry. A perfect storm that allows to affirm that the Latin American left will not have an easy task, the key of success will be to do a good job.

So America returns to the "pink tide" and with it most of the continent's aligned countries. Colombia, a country traditionally ruled by the right, due to its internal conflicts - financed by drug trafficking - and a peace process that has not yet turned the page, has allowed, for the first time, the arrival to power of a left-wing political leader with a past as a guerrilla activist.

The victory of Gustavo Petro has enormous political implications for the region, achieving the objective of the forum of Sao Paulo: to conquer the leadership in the continent and to face the neoliberal policies that reproach.



In addition, reconfigure the relationship with the United States, based on climate change and the relationship of contaminant - "cleaning" - that exists between the north and south of the American continent. In addition, the migration of more responsive relations with China and everything that involves a geo-political scenario.

There, right in the middle of this Social and Solidarity Economy as the sector that can be the support to these governments and their successes and social progress. The Mont Blanc Meetings - Americas 2022 in Cartagena de Indias Colombia, offer us an invaluable space at the continental level to strengthen the proximity of SSE International Forum with governments and will allow advocacy and our positioning as an organization that clearly defends and promotes all forms of social and solidarity economy on the continent.

We hope that not only the president-elect Gustavo Petro, but also his vice-president Francia Marquez and other country and continental leaders will be able to join us at the Mont Blanc Meetings - Americas, which will certainly bring a high level to our Meeting, as well as perspectives for the whole movement in Latin America and the world.

With the organization of the Mont Blanc Meetings - Americas in Cartagena de Indias in 2022, our leadership as ESSFI in the Colombian solidarity sector has been strengthened, since today the entire solidarity sector of the country is not only attentive but also willing to participate in our meeting. Numerous coordination meetings were held to design the agenda and choose the exhibitors that today make the Mont Blanc Meetings - Americas in Cartagena de Indias 2022 a reality.

We are waiting for you in Colombia from October 17 to 19, 2022, a great step for the Social and Solidarity Economy in Colombia, in the continent and in the world.



**Elisa Carolina Torrenegra Cabrera**  
Co-chair - SSE International Forum



**Alain Coheur**  
Co-chair - SSE International Forum



## We are

An international network of SSE actors  
An economic and social movement  
A political voice



SSE International Forum (SSEIF) is an international network of actors of the "Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) that exists since 2004. It includes "member "organizations and "companies from 4 continents that value and promote the Social Solidarity Economy as a means of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations for the year 2030 and, more "generally, as the basis for an "economic, political and social "model refocused on people and ecosystems.

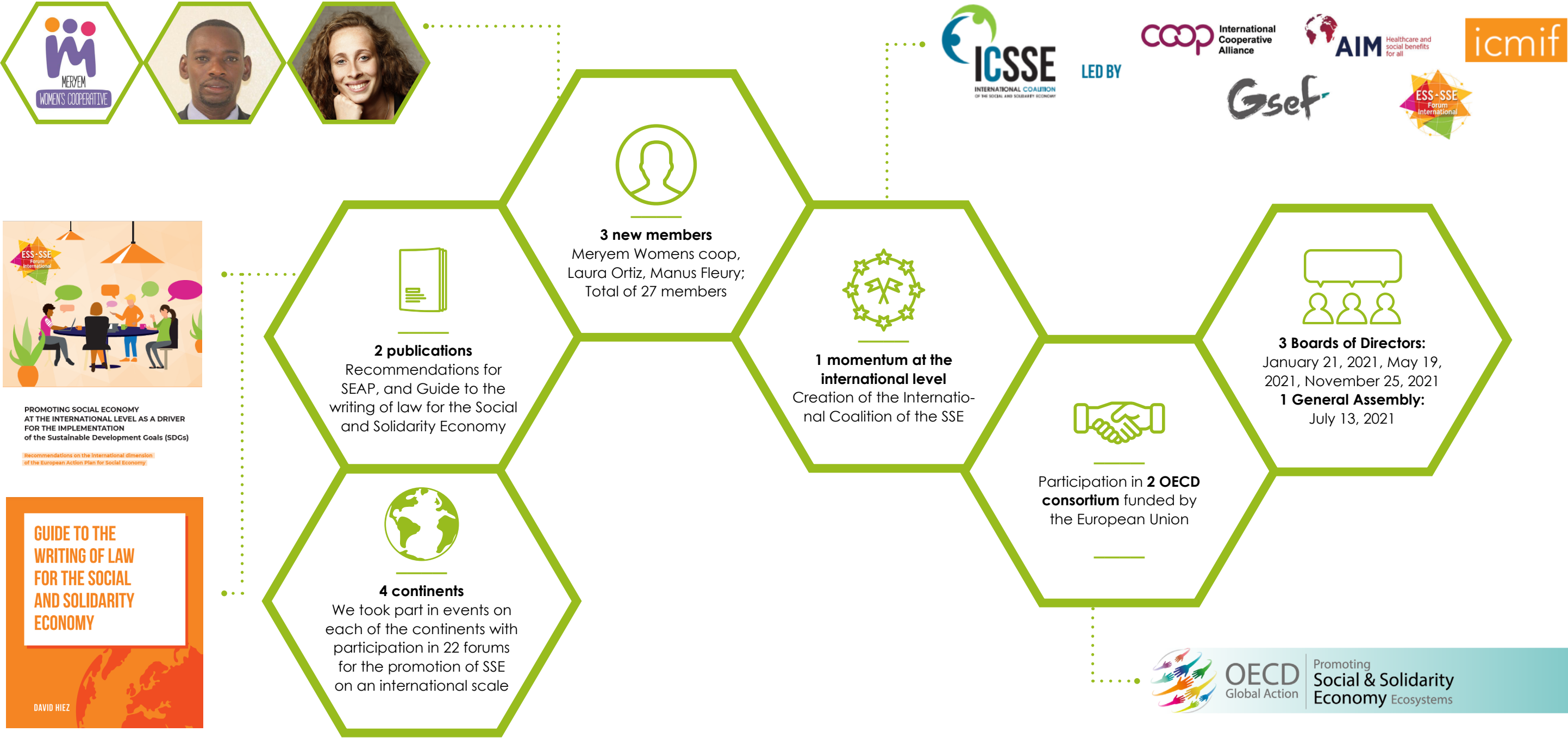
We are aware that it is only by forming an economic and social movement, by carrying a political voice on all the continents, that we will be able to achieve the profound transformation of our "current model of growth and "development which is slowly cracking under the weight of the crises. SSE International Forum aims to make the Social Solidarity Economy a "reference in this transformation.

### OUR FIELDS OF ACTION

- 1. We bring together SSE leaders and practitioners in international meetings:** SSE International Forum has organized eight bi-annual meetings Les Rencontres du Mont Blanc and a digital session. During these meetings, we discuss global issues in order to highlight the solutions that SSE brings to the challenges of our time.
- 2. We influence international policies and agendas** in favor of SSE for international recognition and advancement of the SSE model.
- 3. We co-construct sustainable and inclusive projects** via an International Agora of projects whose ambition is to support the implementation of impact projects and create a network of actors by encouraging the sharing of experience and peer learning.
- 4. We are advancing knowledge on SSE** to be able to demonstrate its impact through our partnership with CIRIEC International.



SSE International Forum in 2021 in figures:



# OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2021

## BRINGING THE VOICE OF SSE TO INTERNATIONAL FORA

### SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM CONTRIBUTES TO THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF THE EUROPEAN ACTION PLAN FOR THE SOCIAL ECONOMY AND PARTICIPATES IN THE LAUNCH EVENT

Very awaited by the organizations of the SSE, the [European Action Plan on Social Economy](#) was published on Thursday, December 9, 2021 then presented during an international event on [16 December 2021](#). SSE International Forum, an observer member of the European Commission's Expert Group on Social Economy and Social Enterprises, had developed and submitted [Recommendations on the international part](#) of this action plan. The network was able to rely on the geographical diversity of its members to develop recommendations that take into account the specificities of the regions and outline areas of collaboration between the EU and Africa, North America, Latin America, etc. **The document highlights eight general recommendations, which are detailed in a series of concrete recommendations.**



These 8 general recommendations are as follows:

**1 Integrating the social economy into policy dialogs and development programs with third countries or regional organizations.** This section makes specific recommendations according to the different geographical areas, namely the EU's neighborhood, Africa, Latin America, North America and Asia

**2 Supporting the promotion of the social economy** by United Nations agencies, funds and programs

**3 Supporting the dynamics of inclusion through the social economy** to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030

**5 Including the promotion of the social economy** in the terms of reference of EU delegations around the world

**7 Putting the social economy on the agenda of global forums and conferences**



**PROMOTING SOCIAL ECONOMY AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL AS A DRIVER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

*Recommendations on the international dimension of the European Action Plan for Social Economy*

**4 Implementing a fair-trade policy** whose principles are close to those of the social economy in order to ensure the transition to responsible value chains

**6 Strengthening access to financing** for social economy organizations and enterprises

**8 Strengthening global action on the social economy,** in cooperation with the OECD



## SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM PARTICIPATES IN TWO MEETINGS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S SOCIAL ECONOMY EXPERT GROUP

On March 23, 2021 as well as on September 10, 2021, we participated in the GECES meetings, which focused on items such as the preparation of the action plan for the social economy, the LIAISE project "Linking Incubation Actors for Inclusive and Social Entrepreneurship", the Pact for Skills program for the social economy, and state aid for access to funding.

# GECES



## SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM PARTICIPATES IN MEETINGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON ESS (UNTFSSSE)



ONLINE  
UNITED NATIONS  
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE  
ON SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY (UNTFSSSE)  
THIRD TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM  
06-10 DECEMBER 2021  
VIRTUAL  
Brief Report  
MARCH 2022

We participated in and contributed to three meetings of the UN Inter-agency Task Force on SSE on March 3, 2021, May 18, 2021, and October 21, and the 3rd UNTFSSSE Technical Symposium on December 6-10, 2021.

### On the agenda for regular meetings:

- Update on Covid-19 activities
- Update on the draft resolution on SSE at the UN GA
- SSE-for-SDGs Project
- Knowledge Hub Project
- New communication strategy
- The 2022 International Labour Conference (ILC) and related processes



The technical symposium was an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of this working group since its inception in 2013, but also to define the next key actions to be carried out by members and observers in the coming years. This led to the development of a 2022-2024 action plan.

## SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM PARTICIPATES IN OECD PEER LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS (PLP) AS PART OF ITS GLOBAL ACTION TO PROMOTE ESS



Within the framework of its [Global Action for the promotion of SSE](#), the [OECD](#) has developed Peer Learning Partnerships (PLP) to create opportunities for sharing knowledge and experiences between different countries and stakeholders on different topics that are essential for SSE development. SSE International Forum has particularly invested in 2 PLPs on SSE internationalization and SSE legal frameworks that have allowed to share with a wide audience the knowledge gained within this consortium, and to highlight the achievements that SSE is able to reach.



Regarding the PLP on SSE internationalization, coordinated by [Diesis Network](#), member of SSE International Forum, SSEIF was pleased to organize the restitution event of six months of mutual learning and experience sharing on November 18, 2021.

The importance of defining the parameters of SSE to better address the needs of the sector, and for a better visibility of the impact of SSE was a sentiment shared by the speakers. The internationalization of SSE takes into account goods and services, finances and intangible assets, but also the equal importance of incoming and outgoing flows. All these elements are to be found in the document produced which details the tools that facilitate the evaluation of the practices and strategies of SSE organizations and enterprises and a policy brief that highlights the characteristics of public policies in favor of the internationalization of SSE. Find the full text of these exchanges [here](#).

To learn more about the PLP, visit the [website](#) [www.silk-project.info](http://www.silk-project.info) created for this purpose.



"In the framework of the PLP dedicated to the legal frameworks of the SSE, entitled "Legal Ecosystems for the Social Economy - Peer Learning Partnership" (PL4SE - PLP), and submitted by an international consortium led by CEPES,

SSE International Forum prepared and carried out a peer learning experience on the general legal framework, such as national and sub-na-



tional laws on social economy, a peer learning experience on legal frameworks in terms of sectoral or statutory regulations for social economy entities and regulations of the field of activity of social economy entities, and a peer learning experience on the social economy within general legal issues, such as, for example, public procurement regulations, tax regulations, etc.



THE CO-CREATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION OF THE ESS WITH 5 MAIN INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS OF THE ESS



On September 28, 2021, the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF), ESS Forum International (ESSFI), Association Internationale de la Mutualité (AIM) and the International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF) have come together to launch a new coalition: the International Coalition of the Social Solidarity Economy (ICSSE). The ICSSE brings together intercontinental networks of associations, cooperatives, foundations, social enterprises, mutuals and local and territorial authorities, who are

committed to joining forces to deploy a common voice and actions to make their achievements and resources visible and recognized. Those of the women and men who bring this resilient economy to life, an economy centered on people in an approach that reconciles ecological, social, civic, economic and financial solutions.

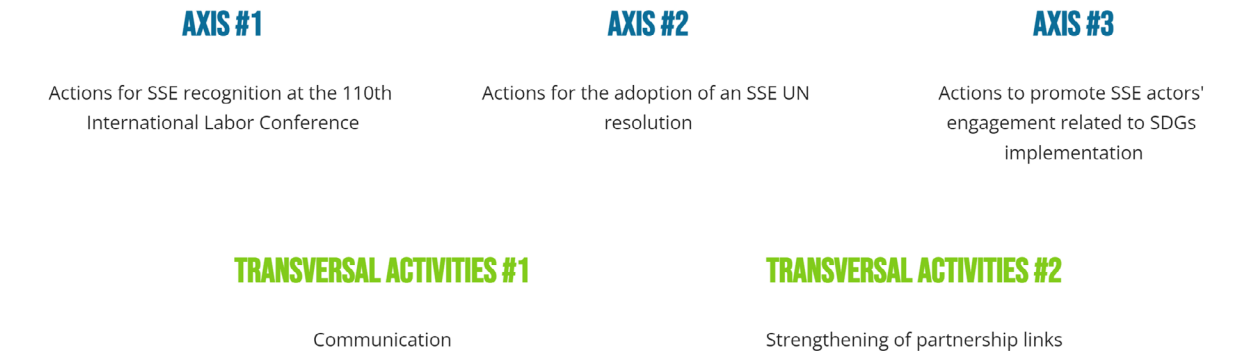
The two co-chairs of SSE International Forum took part in the [launch event](#) organized online. On this occasion, the common objective of

scaling up and better recognition of SSE as a vector of solutions and innovations in and out of times of crisis was put forward. A key phrase to remember: "ICSSE is there to make each of the SSE networks' advocacy actions stronger and more impactful, by joining forces and carrying the same political and economic voice at the international level.

Following this launch event, SSEIF took over the Coalition's rotating Secretariat. During the first few months, the Coalition managed to structure its membership and governance model, including the adoption of the [Terms of Reference](#). The Coalition also published its [website](#) that lists all of its activities and resources, including its [Charter](#).



OUR 2021-2022 ACTION PLAN



Finally, the Coalition has defined an action plan for 2021-2022 around 3 axes (actions for the recognition of SSE at the 110th International Labour Conference, actions for the adoption of a UN resolution on SSE, actions for the promotion of the engagement of SSE actors in the implementation of the SDGs) and 2 transversal activities (communication and strengthening of partnership links)

To learn more about the coalition [contact](#) the secretariat at [secretariat@internationalcoalitionsse.net](mailto:secretariat@internationalcoalitionsse.net).

## PARTICIPATING IN THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCES AND MEETINGS BETWEEN SSE ACTORS

### SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM PARTICIPATES IN THE ROUND TABLE ON THE POTENTIAL OF SSE TO ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND THE 2030 AGENDA IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE European Social Economy Summit - April 29, 2021



29 April 2021, from 13:30 to 15:00

#### Social and Solidarity Economy: leading the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and a fair recovery



Vic Van Vuuren, Patrizia Bussi, Diana Dovgan, Suzanne Wisse-Huiskes, Eva Cantele



Béatrice Alain, Jürgen Schwettmann, Gianluca Salvatori, Elisa Torrenegra, Victor Meseguer

Introduction by the Moderator, **Victor Meseguer**, Director of Social Economy Europe

#### Opening remarks

**Vic Van Vuuren**, Chair of the UNFSE and Director of the Enterprises Department at ILO

**Patrizia Bussi**, Vice-President of SEE and SG of ENSIE



29 April 2021, from 13:30 to 15:00

#### Roundtable on the potential of SSE to achieve the SDGs

Cooperative entrepreneurship, decent work & reindustrialisation (SDG 8, SDG 9):  
**Diana Dovgan**, Secretary General of CICOPA

Green and just transition (SDG 12, SDG 13):  
**Suzanne Wisse-Huiskes**, CEO of Euclid Network

Fight against poverty and the promotion of peace (SDGs 1 & 16):  
**Eva Cantele**, General Delegate of SSE International Forum

Partnership and multi-stakeholder approach (SDG 17, SDG 5):  
**Béatrice Alain**, Executive Director of "Chantier de l'économie sociale", Co-chair of TIESS and CIRIEC-Canada

Roundtable moderated by **Jürgen Schwettmann**, international consultant and ex-officio at ILO

#### Closing remarks on SSE as a driver for a resilient, fair and green recovery

**Gianluca Salvatori**, CEO of EURICSE

**Elisa Torrenegra**, Co-President of SSE International Forum, Vice-President of the American Region at AIM & Executive Director of GESTARSALUD, Colombia

Q&A and Wrap-up by the moderator **Victor Meseguer**, Director of SEE



On April 29, 2021, the European Social Economy Summit was held in a hybrid format. Eva Cantèle, General Delegate of SSE International Forum, spoke about the role of SSE in fighting poverty and promoting peace (MDGs 1 and 16) during the session entitled "Social and Solidarity Economy: leading the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and a fair recovery". The Co-President of SSE International Forum, Elisa

Torrenegra, also spoke at this key event which allowed the mobilization of the social economy community around convergences, alliances and agreements around the momentum of the scaling up of the social economy in Europe. In particular, it was mentioned that the social economy has been designated as one of the 14 industrial ecosystems for the recovery of Europe.

### SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM HAS RESPONDED TO THE INVITATION OF THE GSEF AT THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE GLOBAL SOCIAL ECONOMY FORUM

SSEIF was present at the 2021 edition of the Global Social Economy Forum organized in a hybrid format in Mexico City and online. The notion of decent work which is part of the discourse on SSE was at the heart of the ESSIF session on "Building organizations and enterprises of the social and solidarity economy that promote inclusive and sustainable models of work and societies". The exchanges allowed to remind, by demonstration, that the SSE is a bearer of innovations in tune with global changes thanks to its territorial anchorage.

SSE International Forum also participated in the round table of the International Association of Investors in the Social Economy (INAISE) on "Financing the Ecological and Social Transition of SSE companies: dialogue between social and solidarity finance networks". Eva Cantele, general delegate of ESSIF took the opportunity to highlight the practices of our members in terms of financing the ecological and social transition, including the Caisse Desjardins' socio-ecological financing fund, the proximity financial services financial services offered by kafo Jiginew, or the commitment to the Casden's commitment to the energy transition.



#### Outils et savoir-faire des membres

- Collecte de l'épargne et utilisation de l'argent en toute transparence
- Investissements et prêts aux entreprises ayant une mission sociale, environnementale ou culturelle
- Investissement en capital risque pour le démarrage ou le développement d'entreprises
- Gestion de l'épargne et des prêts pour les petites entreprises et les services financiers de proximité
- Gestion de fonds de placement éthiques
- Mise en réseau d'organisations de finance sociale
- Recherche et lobbying



### SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM WAS IN SEOUL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE CONGRESS

SSE International Forum took part in the Congress of the International Cooperative Alliance Congress held from 1er to 3 December 2021, in Seoul and online. Elisa Torrenegra, director of Gestarsalud and Co-President of SSE International Forum took part in the session organized by one of our members, the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF), on the cooperative identity within the Social and Solidarity Economy. She reminded the need to create synergies so that the various SSE paths join together to carry loudly and clearly a unified





voice and to make SSE actors unavoidable interlocutors in the elaboration and implementation of public policies or legislations concerning them. Moreover, in the face of the crises that are facing our societies, Elisa Torrenegra invited the cooperative movement, and the Social Solidarity Economy in its entirety, to hold the historical place that is theirs for the expansion of this economy that places the human being and its environment at its heart. In the same vein, Eva Cantele, General Delegate of SSE International Forum, present in Seoul for the occasion, presented the International Coalition of the SSE created this year, one of whose missions is to showcase and recognize the achievements of SSE in terms of innovation and sustainable solutions.



**SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM MEETS SSE ACTORS IN COSTA RICA AND COLOMBIA**

In September and October 2021, in margin of the conference of the CIRIEC and the Forum of the GSEF, Eva Cantele, general delegate of SSE International Forum went to meet the actors of the SSE in Costa Rica and in Colombia. In Costa Rica, a meeting was held with the president of the National Council of the Assembly of Workers of the Popular Bank and Community Development, Mr. Fernando Faith in order to exchange on the stakes of the SSE at the international level. Another meeting was organized with the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO-Costa Rica) but also with Mr. Federico Li Bonilla, director of CIRIEC-Costa Rica.



In Colombia, Eva Cantele, accompanied by Elisa Torrenegra, Co-President of SSE International Forum, was able to see the progress of the SSE issue, the dynamism of SSE enterprises and organizations in the country, but also the capacity of SSE to be a tool for building a stable and sustainable peace. The working meeting with Mr. Rafael Gonzales, national director of the Special Administrative Unit of Solidarity Organizations (UEAOS) demonstrated the attention that the Presidency of the Republic and the Government pay to the Social Solidarity Economy. This meeting also allowed to draw up a panorama of the great files to come of the SSE

at the international level (International Labour Conference in June 2022 and Resolution on the SSE to be adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, etc.) and the need for the country to be invested in the fight for the international recognition of the potential of the SSE.

The delegation also had the opportunity to visit two Colombian health mutuals: [Coosalud](#) and [Mutualser](#), both located in Cartagena de Indias. Finally, on the outskirts of Santa Marta, near the Sierra Nevada, the delegation met with a group of the indigenous Kogi community who, in addition to leading a simple and respectful existence of the Earth, are organized in such a way as to create food-producing agricultural activities, handicrafts, and agro-tourism, activities which, quite naturally, fall within the scope of the social and solidarity-based economy.

2022 will be an opportunity to discover more about SSE in Colombia with the organization in Cartagena de Indias of the tenth edition of the Mont Blanc Meetings.







# THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

from local to international solutions  
in a changing world

## ESS INTERNATIONAL FORUM ORGANIZES THE MONT BLANC MEETINGS - AMERICAS - CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA - OCTOBER 17 - 19, 2022

PLENARY CONFERENCE: "The Social and Solidarity Economy, from local to international solutions in a changing world in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda" with 3 cross-cutting themes: "Social and Solidarity Economy Agenda 2030" with 3 cross-cutting themes:

### INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE SSE

### SSE AND THE SDGs

### LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR SSE

#### — SUB-THEMES —

- 1 — Education for SSE throughoutlife. Inspiration and commitments.
- 2 — What legal framework for the Social and Solidarity Economy? From a legislative framework adapted to local realities to an emerging regional recognition
- 3 — Changing the life of our organizations by mainstreaming and incorporating the gender and generational perspective
- 4 — Changing the logic of the production, distribution and of food production, distribution and consumption of food through the SSE
- 5 — Public and Common Goods, for a sustainable SSE.
- 6 — SSE, an economy for Peace and Inclusion
- 7 — Digital tools at the service of the SSE
- 8 — SSE and a more stable, resilient and and democratic financial system
- 9 — Public policies for SSE. An Euro-American reading
- 10 — Investing in the SSE to improve employment



## CONTRIBUTING TO THE PRODUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE ON THE SSE

### SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM PUBLISHES A NEW TOOL: THE GUIDE TO THE WRITING OF LAW FOR SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

#### GUIDE TO THE WRITING OF LAW FOR THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

DAVID HIEZ

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SSE International Forum has published the result of a long term work whose fruits could be harvested in 2021 with the publication of the [Guide for the drafting of a Social and Solidarity Economy law](#). This Guide was written for SSE International Forum by David Hiez, Professor of Civil Law at the University of Luxembourg. He works more particularly on the law of the social economy and cooperative law.

This guide is not only unprecedented, but it is also timely, at a time when more and more states are adopting laws around the SSE. This Guide is above all a toolbox for legislators, who can refer to it to determine the legal personality of their social and solidarity economy, but also for anyone interested in the SSE even beyond the legal issue.

The SSE needs a legal framework to achieve the recognition it deserves and/or to change scale. It is to this challenge that this Guide responds, which has the advantage of having an international dimension that is in permanent dialogue with local contexts and realities. This Guide is perfectly in line with our will to disseminate knowledge on SSE, and to lead and facilitate the advocacy work of SSE actors.

Before the publication, SSE International Forum organized, on April 6, 2021, within the framework of the preparatory Meetings of the 2nd International Forum of the SSE, a [comparative workshop](#) discussing the processes, obstacles and facilitators of the adoption of a legal framework for SSE. The



Tunisian, Moroccan, Cameroonian and Uruguayan realities allowed to underline, among other elements, the importance of an involvement of SSE actors during the whole process to obtain a relevant law in its local context.

These exchanges continued on a larger stage during the [launch of the Guide](#), on July 2, 2021. Then, for an even wider dissemination, SSE International Forum organized a session, on October 27, 2021 during the 2nd International Forum of the SSE, on the perspectives of multi-scale collaboration (national, regional, international) in terms of legal framework. The cases of the [OHADA](#) law, or the Latin American context with the [Mercosur](#), allowed to emphasize the necessity of a dialogic dynamic in the development of legislations around the SSE.

Our actions to disseminate this tool will continue in 2022.

### SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM PARTICIPATES IN THE 8th INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL ECONOMY ORGANIZED BY CIRIEC-COSTA RICA

From September 8 to 10, a delegation of SSE International Forum composed of Yasy Morales Chacon, Administrator of SSEIF, and Eva Cantele, General Delegate of SSEIF participated in the [8th International Research Conference on the Social Economy of CIRIEC](#), organized by the recently formed Costa Rican section of CIRIEC, chaired by the Universidad Estatal a Distancia (UNED) of Costa Rica, in collaboration with CIRIEC International. The theme of "The Solidarity and Social Economy and the 2030 Agenda: Inclusive and Sustainable Development throu-



gh Innovative Social Practices" was illustrated throughout the three days of the conference.

The SSE International Forum session, moderated by Eva Cantele, was devoted to "Feminist analysis of Social and Solidarity Economy practices: visions of the Global South".



**SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM CONTRIBUTES TO THE REFLECTION ON TRANSFORMATION AT THE 8ème EMES INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE IN ZARAGOZA, SPAIN**



From 4 to 7 October 2021 was held the 8th international research conference EMES on "Social enterprise, cooperative and volunteering: uniting principles and values for renewed action". SSE International Forum, in collaboration with Gestarsalud, took part in the conference to

present "Multiscale governance, a transformative global arena for the social economy". This was an opportunity to question how multiscale governance, understood from the perspective of interactions and network management, has the potential to address collective issues in the context of an increasing diversification of actors and interests involved in public policy. This reality opens up a spectrum of options for rooting the social and solidarity economy as a development model for more sustainable societies. The creation of ecosystems, networks, and multi-stakeholder strategic alliances, including government representatives at different levels of administration as well as committed actors from civil society and the global scene, is essential for the social solidarity economy to have more visibility, more impact on public policies and to be recognized as a model of sustainable development that respects human beings and their environment.

**SSE INTERNATIONAL FORUM AND PROMOTION OF RESEARCH**



We are working hard on the production and dissemination of knowledge around the SSE. In this perspective, we welcome since August 2021, and this for three years, Marion Pouzoulet in the framework of a doctoral contract responding to the device of Industrial conventions of formation through research (called CIFRE in France). Her research focuses on a "Multiscalar analysis of the political work of transnational networks with public policy actors. The case of the International Coalition of the SSE". In this perspective, in addition to preparing her PhD in political science, her main mission will be to coordinate the secretariat of the International Coalition of the SSE.





## Our Members



## Our Individual Members



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