



TERMS OF REFERENCE

ADOPTED BY THE FOUNDING MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP AND ADMISSION MODALITIES

To be part of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy you can be members, associate members or partners. Below are detailed requirements for each status.

► **Members**

According to the Part III "Commitments of the signatory actors" of the Charter for an International Coalition of intercontinental networks of the Social and Solidarity Economy, the International Coalition on Social and Solidarity Economy (ICSSE) is open to membership to all economic actors of the same community of interest and who are of the same nature, namely being:

- Member-based organizations whose members are partly or totally SSE organizations.
- Action- and advocacy-based organizations.
- Networks or organizations of SSE with international dimensions present at least in two continents.

Admission modalities for members

Any organization that meets all the above criteria can apply for membership by sending a letter addressed to the Secretariat of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy.

The decision of admission of new members will be voted on by a majority of the Coalition's members.

Membership involves signing the Charter for an International Coalition of intercontinental networks of the Social and Solidarity Economy and the Terms of reference.

► **Associate members**

The organizations of the SSE who are not eligible for member status can be associate members of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy. Within their area of expertise, they contribute to the development of the Coalition's activities.

In the spirit of collaboration and transparency, associate members may participate in regular Coalition meetings as observers (meaning they don't have voting rights).

Admission modalities for associate members

To be an associate member of the International Coalition, you can address a letter to the Secretariat of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy explaining your interest in joining the Coalition.

The decision of admission of new associate members will be voted on by the Coalition's members.

Being an associate member of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy includes moral commitments with recognition of the Coalition objectives and no competitiveness regarding the activities led.

► Partners

The partners of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy are organisations of the SSE or institutions which are working closely and strategically with the Coalition's members on specific activities, or for a limited period.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The decision-making process of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy is based on consensus with a horizontal type of governance. However, only full members of the ICSSE have voting rights.

The International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy gathers together at monthly regular meetings. The internal discussions are open to voting members only. All the other strategic discussions dealing with the Coalition activities are open to all (members, associate members and partners).

SECRETARIAT

A Secretariat will be created on a yearly rotation basis among all members of the International Coalition depending on the personnel capacity of the member's secretariat.

The Secretariat will have a part-time position which will be partly financed (20% FTE) through the Coalition budget.

The Secretariat will be financed through contributions of the Coalition members. Each organization member will pay yearly a maximum of 3000 euros (three thousand euros) in order to finance the operating costs of the Secretariat of the Coalition. The costs related to travels and activities will be supported by each organization separately.

Competencies of the Secretariat

The Secretariat will oversee the creation of the decision-making bodies of the International Coalition. It will, in particular, be in charge of organizing the regular meetings and annual meetings of the members, associate members and partners.

It will also support and encourage the implementation of the objectives of the International Coalition, detailed into the Part II "Objectives of the Charter" of the Charter for an International Coalition of intercontinental networks of the Social and Solidarity Economy namely:

- Bring together, strengthen, and raise the profile of a community of SSE actors.
- Deepen advocacy efforts for the recognition of SSE.
- Promote the Social and Solidarity Economy as a field of economic activity that must be recognized and is useful for the implementation of SDGs.

AREAS OF ACTIONS & COMMON ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION OF THE SSE

For the period of 2021-2022, the International Coalition of the SSE has built an Action Plan that will focus on three (3) main axes:

- The advocacy process related to the inclusion of SSE on the agenda of the 110th International Labor Conference in June 2022
- The advocacy process for a UN resolution on SSE (in accordance with the UNTFSSSE)
- The promotion of SSE actors' engagement related to the SDGs implementation (with the submission of creation of a new stakeholder group for SSEOs at the High Level Political Forum)

The Coalition has also pointed out two (2) transversal and complementary activities:

- Communication (with the objective to be easily identified)
- Strengthening the links with other international instances (such as members and observers of the UNTFSSSE)

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