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A major event is set to be held in Bordeaux in October 2025. We are immensely proud of being the host city for the seventh Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum, and as mayor, I am not only proud but also extremely hopeful, because there is every reason to believe that in economic terms, the twenty-first century will either be SSE or won't be, to paraphrase a famous quote by Malraux.

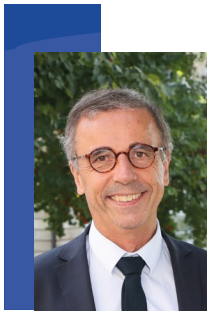
That is my deep, personal conviction, and it is ours, collectively. Back in 2021, the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Department of Gironde, Bordeaux Métropole and the City of Bordeaux decided to move forward hand in hand in support of the Social and Solidarity Economy, to encourage innovation and collective approaches while raising awareness among new audiences, and to facilitate access to land for committed businesses. This is a rare and exemplary situation.

The consequences of this joint commitment are very tangible, and the figures are eminently encouraging. In the municipality of Bordeaux alone, where there

are almost 1,500 establishments – half of the city's SSE organisations – the number of employees has increased by more than 20% in the last ten years.

We have managed to turn our regions into testing grounds, inventing new relationships and creating virtuous economies that promote the principles of solidarity and social utility. We are proving by example that municipalities and other local authorities have a central role to play, thanks to their proximity to citizens.

In 2022, I travelled to the UN headquarters in New York to represent local government bodies and business networks in support of the need for a reference text on the SSE. Such a resolution was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 18 April 2023. This was an important milestone, which we celebrated at the Dakar Forum held during the following month. The Bordeaux 2025 Forum will be an opportunity to take another step in what is nothing short of a revolution.



Pierre Hurmic
Mayor of Bordeaux
President of the GSEF



Stéphane Montuzet
President of the CRESS
Nouvelle-Aquitaine
Co-President of the
GSEF

Much more than a purely economic project, the Social and Solidarity Economy is also a political project.

It encompasses the pursuit of a fairer society that defends rights and our environment, a society based on solidarity, and a vision of equitably, redistributed wealth based on sustainably managed resources.

Collective action must be taken on an international scale if this project is to succeed.

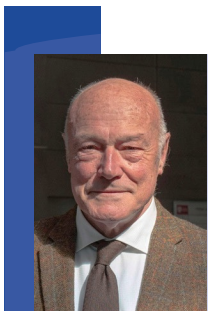
Within the GSEF, the commitment of the SSE stakeholders and players represented by the CRESS

Nouvelle Aquitaine and ESS France reflects this desire for social transformation that makes the economy a vehicle for individual and collective emancipation.

Our next event – the Bordeaux 2025 Forum – will showcase this profusion of initiatives, practices and people committed to serving the general interest.

Our conviction is that a desirable and just future can only be achieved through the SSE and the policy of forging the links required to foster solidarity between the world's citizens.





Alain Rousset
President of
Nouvelle-Aquitaine
Regional Council

The Social and Solidarity Economy is inextricably linked to my conception of political action. It is just as much one of the linchpins of a major regional development policy, bringing life back to places where it may sadly have disappeared, as it is a profound source of innovation, particularly in human terms. It also complements and inspires the conventional economy. In the absence of a lucrative market – often in rural areas, or in public utility sectors such as waste, funeral services or integration through economic activity – the SSE is on hand to bring together all the stakeholders in a given area and forge a society.

In this way, it becomes a laboratory for all kinds of transitions, a permanent field of exploration and a model for corporate territorial responsibility.

It is an immense source of regional pride: Nouvelle-Aquitaine was the first region to create a division entirely dedicated to the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE). The tenth anniversary of the Hamon Law is an appropriate occasion to assess how far we have come and to set a new course in order to ramp up this vast movement; an approach which, by its very nature, accommodates the bifurcations essential to the entire economic world.

The Global SSE Forum in Bordeaux, where delegations from all over the world will be converging with the shared conviction that the SSE is a viable and humanistic economic model, compatible with planetary limits, will be the perfect opportunity to demonstrate its relevance. See you in October 2025.



Jean-Luc Gleyze
President of the Departmental
Council of Gironde
and
Sophie Piquemal
Vice-President



The major social, economic, ecological and societal transformations of the 21st century will either be collective or won't be. Here in Gironde, we are creating a network of human and territorial solidarity in order to promote simultaneous reflection and action everywhere, in tune with local realities.

The roadmap we share with the SSE players in Gironde enables us to carry out projects in the general and collective interest and to innovate based on the realities of the territory in which we live, in contrast to a vertical market economy that is disconnected from realities in the field and leads to environmental predation, withdrawal, social exclusion and a feeling of abandonment.

Nourished by its strong local roots, this local economy becomes a means of integration,

thanks to the sustainable jobs it creates, which cannot be relocated, and helps to build the social fabric that is essential to the resilience of our society.

Joining the GSEF will enable the Gironde ecosystem to benefit from the international momentum that is essential in order to enrich local social and solidarity networks in the medium and long term. Tomorrow's economy will, first and foremost, be a grassroots economy!

In Gironde, as in the rest of the world, there can be no long-term prosperity on a planet engulfed by climatic and social disasters. In addition to our local actions, we are committed to forging links with civil society beyond our borders in order to convey the hope of a fair form of globalisation that is actively engaged at the local level.



Christine Bost
President of
Bordeaux Métropole

The SSE is a breeding ground for social innovation. It is helping to make our territory an active, solidarity-oriented metropolis, and is wholly consistent with the new trajectory our local authority wishes to take.

Aware of the economic, social and environmental issues at stake, Bordeaux Métropole has created a support ecosystem for stakeholders which encourages the development of economic projects and numerous initiatives for its inhabitants and its territory.

Supported by an ambitious metropolitan policy over the last fifteen years, the SSE is playing an increasingly important role throughout our area by ensuring the existence of solidarity down to the last mile, meeting the essential needs of our fellow citizens, and providing multiple, adapted and

innovative responses to social and environmental challenges. Today, Bordeaux is delighted to continue this work by hosting the Global SSE Forum.

The commitment shared by our local authority, the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Department of Gironde and the City of Bordeaux enables us to align the different strategies being implemented in order to offer our partners coordinated and complementary initiatives.

These opportunities to engage in discussion and share experiences with global players in the SSE sector will enable us to keep raising the profile of the SSE, while promoting inspiring solutions that can be disseminated throughout our territories as concrete examples of an inclusive and supportive job-creating model.





Global SSE Forum Bordeaux GSEF 2025

In the autumn of 2025, the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum will be held for the first time in France, following previous events held in Seoul, Montreal, Bilbao, Mexico City and Dakar. This major biennial international event brings together all the stakeholders in the Social and Solidarity Economy ecosystem.

The objective ?

Pooling the visions and practices that can make the SSE the “standard that will regulate the economy of tomorrow”, imposing the primacy of people and collective projects over capital and structuring an economy of proximity and the long term perspectives.

As with every edition of the Global SSE Forum, Bordeaux GSEF 2025 aims to:

- **bring together** elected representatives and leaders from all over the world, along with international experts, development agencies, networks and stakeholders in the field who are committed to promoting economic models centred on people while respecting the environment. A final declaration sets out the political commitments and a roadmap for the next two years;
- **encourage exchanges of experience and expertise** implemented on all continents. The dense programme, co-constructed with the Scientific Committee and the contributions received, will reflect initiatives led by players committed to the SSE, using formats that encourage perspective and cross-fertilisation.

The Global SSE Forum 2025 is a key event on the road to achieving the sustainable development goals. With 5 years to go before the 2030 Agenda, it will bring together civil society and

local and regional authorities to get things moving, challenge decision-makers and speed up the just transition.

This meeting is also part of a dense and decisive global sequence, just a few days before the World Social Forum in Doha (4-6 November 2025), which will bring together heads of state and government to accelerate the implementation of a new global social contract based on the reduction of poverty.

In this context, Bordeaux GSEF 2025 will be a powerful reminder of the key role played by local governments and civil society in building sustainable, inclusive development rooted in the territories. This is a strategic moment to share concrete solutions, strengthen cooperation and make the voice of local players heard on a global scale. This is all the more crucial given the many threats facing the world today: wars, authoritarian regimes, economic disorder, hardening social relations, ecological disasters, disinformation, etc. The SSE is witnessing a new narrative that it is up to us all to write.

In addition to the central site of the event, the Forum will extend over time and space, with a suggested tour route on the eve of the opening to enable visitors to get to know the SSE in their local area, as well as highlighting the SSE for the general public and mobilizing hundreds of young people to make their voices heard and give voice to their initiatives.

Open to the city, Bordeaux GSEF 2025 will be an opportunity to showcase the SSE in what it is and could be even more, present in everyone's daily life, serving the common good. Fertile gateways will also be offered to conventional economic players to promote responsible cooperation rooted locally.

Bordeaux GSEF 2025, a lively, invigorating, welcoming and engaging Forum!

Facts & Figures



- ✓ **3-day Forum**
+ 1 day of **territorial pathways** offered the day before
- ✓ **4 000 participants are expected from all 5 continents:**
local and national governments, institutions, networks and SSE players.
- ✓ **one dedicated site: the Palais 2 l'Atlantique at Bordeaux-Lac**
a high-quality, recently-built infrastructure with great transport links, fully adapted to the format and constraints of the event will host the Forum.
- + **a city centre site on the banks of the river: the Hangar 14**
with:
 - an area for the general public entitled "SSE, the economy that's good for us";
 - meetings and discussions on regional cooperation with players in the conventional economy;
 - a Bodega for refreshments and snacks;
 - evenings at the Espace "Garonne".
- + **a SSE Youth Hub: the Cité Bleue and an associated venue, Chapitô (City of Bègles)**

Concerts, festive evenings... and lots more surprises to discover!



A networking dimension

with spaces and tools to put people in touch with each other



A live radio broadcast from the Forum

in partnership with several media and the Bordeaux Aquitaine Institute of Journalism



A stand area

for institutions, networks, SSE players and partners at the Forum venue in the central building



In conjunction with ESS France, the Forum will also provide an opportunity to launch the Month of SSE 2025, which takes place every year in November to shine a spotlight on the social and solidarity economy throughout France.



Palais 2 l'Atlantique à Bordeaux-Lac © Julien Fernandez



Hangar 14 © Julien Fernandez

Local SSE players in the spotlight

- **Ambassadors** throughout the **Nouvelle-Aquitaine region**, to relay information and organise car pooling, etc.
- **A proactive responsible purchasing policy** for service contracts relating to the organisation of the Forum
- **Territorial pathways** on the eve of the Forum to meet SSE players in Gironde and neighbouring departments (see page 11)
- **An opportunity to promote their products and services** on a 'market place' at Hangar 14 (see page 8)





A dense and committed content

« The SSE, a precondition for a just transition towards resilient territories and the well-being of their inhabitants »

The scientific committee, made up of researchers and national and international players and chaired by Timothée Duverger, has defined a general theme for this edition of the World SSE Forum, opening the door to different themes, the content of which has been fed by contributions from all over the world.

Workshops and round tables at the Palais 2 l'Atlantique and at the other Bordeaux GSEF 2025 sites will address these issues:

Acting for the territories

Just transition

- Commons, conflicts and democratic governance
- Ecological transition, nature based solutions and SSE sectors
- Agri-food systems, transition and sovereignty
- Energy transition equity
- Digital commons and data collection
- Sustainable and inclusive tourism

Financing

- The blended finance of SSE (sponsorship, CSR, private sector/SSE partnerships, etc.)
- The role of public and local authorities in financing the SSE (subsidies, public procurement...)
- Sustainable finance and SSE (solidarity finance, impact finance, ethical finance, inclusive finance, etc.)

Co-construction and innovations of public policies

- Public sector/SSE partnerships, development of networks and public policies from local to international level
- Territorial Responsibility of Enterprises and place-based strategies
- International partnerships, NGOs and capacity-building

Acting for local residents

Inclusive prosperity

- Dialogue construction, peace and migrations
- Solidarity, social justice and fight against inequalities
- Health, social protection and care services
- Housing

Decent work

- Workplace democracy
- The job guarantee and creating decent jobs
- From informal economies to SSE

Empowerment

- Education, training and economic citizenship
- Gender and SSE
- Knowledge and capacities of vulnerable people
- Collective empowerment of young people
- The media

Foresight

Foresight and research

- Social innovations and participatory research
- Socio-environmental indicators, measuring and monitoring social impact and SSE
- Post-growth scenarios, utopias and SSE narratives

THE 7 PATHWAYS TO FIND YOUR WAY AROUND THE FORUM



PATHWAY 1 - FINANCING THE TRANSITION: WHAT TOOLS ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE SSE?



PATHWAY 2 - ACTING FOR THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION: ENERGY, FOOD, WASTE



PATHWAY 3 - DEVELOPING DECENT EMPLOYMENT: WORK, DEMOCRACY AND INCLUSION



PATHWAY 4 - WORKING TOGETHER: COOPERATION, TERRITORIES AND PUBLIC ACTION



PATHWAY 5 - DEVELOPING THE POWER TO ACT: AUTONOMY FOR ALL



PATHWAY 6 - CARING: SSE, A KEY PLAYER IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES



PATHWAY 7 - INVENTING A DESIRABLE FUTURE: INNOVATION, IMPACT AND NEW NARRATIVES



The formats offered

- 1 opening plenary session** placing the 7th edition of the Bordeaux GSEF 2025 World Forum on the Social Solidarity Economy in a context of international events that will be decisive for the future of transitions. A keynote speaker will follow this introductory session.
 - 7 political plenary sessions** bringing together panels of political figures and representatives of major SSE institutions or networks to express the issues, visions and conditions for sustainable, inclusive development rooted in the regions.
 - 4 themed plenary sessions** featuring leading personalities, invited to discuss the major issues of the day for those who make the SSE work.
 - 1 closing plenary session** which will present the final Political Declaration and a roadmap to the next forum, as well as the International Youth Declaration on SSE.
 - 157 workshops or round tables** based on the call for contributions issued in July 2024 to all SSE players and stakeholders. The aim is to provide a forum for the cross-fertilisation of experiences from a wide range of geographical and sectoral backgrounds, as well as a rich exchange of views between participants with both practical initiatives and expertise.
- › All plenary sessions and round tables will be translated into English and Spanish.

Provisional planning

Wednesday 29/10	Thursday 30/10	Friday 31/10
9h30 - 10h15 Opening plenary 9h - 10h15 CIRIEC WORKSHOPS	9h - 10h Plenary session	9h - 10h Plenary session 9h - 10h Workshops
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The other Forum site, Hangar 14

Forum participants will be able to extend their days at Hangar 14 in Bordeaux city centre, on the banks of the river, with opportunities for dialogue with players in the conventional economy, as well as areas for socialising.

From 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm

"The SSE, the economy that wants good for us!"

General public area - **free admission**

For 3 days, Hangar 14 will be transformed into a friendly, lively village, illustrating all the ways in which the social and solidarity economy can help us in our daily lives.

It's a very practical and immersive way of looking at the SSE alternative to conventional methods of producing and consuming material goods and services, as well as culture and information.

- **A programme of events (murals, collaborative workshops, engaging games, etc.) and exhibitions**, including some based on contributions made by young people or SSE players, to learn, question and interact.
- **A big screen area**, where highlights of the Forum will be replayed and inspiring videos will be shown to help you open up and enrich yourself.
- **Shows on the forecourt** to engage, attract and make people smile.
- **A committed marketplace**, where you can discover the activities of regional SSE players and buy certain products made by craftsmen and women, through reuse or artistic creation.



From 6.30 pm to 9.00-9.30 pm

"Social and Solidarity Economy / Conventional Economy, cooperation for the benefit of territories"

Free access for Bordeaux GSEF 2025 participants and open to the general public (with free online registration)

Conferences, workshops and pitches will illustrate the links between these economies.

A bodega area will be open until 10 pm, where you can nibble and toast the strength of the collective.



Depending on the day

- Presentation of the ESS France Awards
- Presentation of the Bordeaux Métropole 2025 "Coup de Cœur de l'ESS" Awards
- Presentation of the NGO 'Reporter d'espoir' Award
- Presentation of the City of Bordeaux "Financer Demain" Awards

From 9 pm to midnight

Evenings at Espace "Garonne"

Reserved for those registered for the evenings or by invitation only

In a relaxed and musical atmosphere, with a view over the Garonne, it will provide an opportunity to continue the day's discussions and initiate new encounters with other participants and speakers. Drinks and snacks available.

Elsewhere in town

Other venues will be getting into the SSE spirit by offering events for participants and the general public alike. There will be something for everyone, thanks to the enthusiastic involvement of local cultural and creative players.

In Bordeaux

Right bank

- at the **Fabrique Pola** – an artistic and cultural factory highlighting players in the Right Bank's social and economy, and a solidarity festive evening,
- at **Darwin** – an alternative venue with a stroll and an edition of Les Heures Heureuses, an evening hosted by DJs and artists performing for the public,
- at the **Maison de la Nature et de l'Environnement Bordeaux Aquitaine** – Inclusionathon, a creative and collaborative marathon to promote inclusion and diversity in the workplace,
- ...



Fabrique Pola © Benoit Cary



Hôtel Ragueneau © Archives municipales de Bordeaux

At Bègles

(direct by tram from the centre of Bordeaux)

- at **ChapitÔ** with activities for young people and families, as well as a silent party DJ battle.

Guided tours 'In the footsteps of the Social Solidarity Economy' in Bordeaux and the surrounding area will be organized in conjunction with the Bordeaux Metropolitan Tourist Office and the association **L'Alternative Urbaine Bordeaux**.



ChapitÔ © Ville de Bègles



The SSE Youth dynamic



Since its creation in 2013, the GSEF has always recognized the importance of mobilizing young people in the Social Solidarity Economy (SSE). Through international events, committed advocacy and structured continental dynamics, the GSEF highlights the central role of young people in social, economic and environmental transitions.

SSE Youth Hub

At the General Assembly of the GSEF2023 in Dakar, the creation of the SSE Youth Hub was voted to recognize young people as key players in changing the scale of the SSE.

It has three main areas of activity:

- **Sensitization:** promoting the values of the SSE among young people;
- **Advocacy:** enhancing the role of young people as actors in just transitions;
- **Support:** supporting young people's projects via platforms, incubators and cooperatives.

The SSE Youth Hub is based on a decentralized approach with five complementary continental dynamics, driven by continental co-pilots and regular meetings.



Africa:
ABEWE (Ivory Coast)



North America:
Aile Jeunesse du Chantier de l'Économie Sociale (Quebec)



Latin America and the Caribbean:
INAES - National Institute for the Social Economy (Mexico)



Asia:
Seoul Youth Hub (South Korea)



Europe :
Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine (France)



Towards a youth advocacy

The momentum is well underway, with the aim of mobilizing, promoting and making heard the voices of young people committed to fair social, economic and ecological transitions.

As part of this, a youth campaign is being rolled out to gather the views and recommendations of young people in order to build a case for each continent.

During the Forum, a workshop will be organized to bring together these continental pleas in the form of an 'International Youth Declaration for the SSE', which will be presented to all the participants at the event's closing ceremony.

Young people at the forum

Delegations of young ambassadors are expected to attend the Forum and will be supported by a number of partners.



Located in the heart of the Bacalan district of Bordeaux, on the former site of the Beghin Say sugar refineries, the Achard business park has become the **Cité Bleue** thanks to the new impetus given by the owners.

This hybrid, committed site will host the **Young SSE Hub** during the Forum.

This complementary programme at the Palais 2 l'Atlantique is built around 10 themed activities that are accessible free of charge.

More than 50 activities from Monday to Friday based on 10 themes:

- **Culture & Music** (e.g. promoting interculturality)
- **Sport** (e.g. international tournament to share values)
- **Media** (e.g. Talking SSE, by and for young people)
- **Games** (e.g. SSE Olympics to raise awareness of issues)
- **Cinema** (e.g. screening of socially responsible documentaries)
- **Itinerancy** (e.g. inspiring/learning visit)
- **Young people's meetings** (comparing the views of different nationalities)
- **Meetings between professionals and young people**
- **Meetings between professionals** (combining the pedagogies of youth workers)
- **Advocacy** (Continental approaches: converging towards a joint declaration)

An international mixed football tournament will be organized to build bridges between young people from near and far.

On the last evening of the Forum, there will be a big party, free and open to all.

Territorial pathways



On the eve of the Bordeaux GSEF 2025 World SSE Forum, the Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine, the Département de la Gironde and the CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine are offering 9 routes to discover the dynamics and local initiatives of the Social Solidarity Economy.

4 pathways will take place in **Gironde** - Médoc, Bassin d'Arcachon & Val de Leyre, Libournais and Sud-Gironde - and 5 others in neighbouring departments, in **Charente, Charente-Maritime, Dordogne, Lot-et-Garonne and Landes**.

Each itinerary will invite participants to immerse themselves at the heart of innovative and meaningful projects, embodying the values of cooperation, solidarity and sustainable local development.

Around 1,000 people have been and will be involved in these visits, including many **local authorities**, **nearly 150 SSE players** and, in Gironde, the support of the **SSE Hub** and the **Collectif Marées**.

This is a unique opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of the diversity of SSE ecosystems, to draw inspiration from them and to share their own experiences.

The routes will also be an opportunity to offer a unique opportunity to discover the countryside, heritage and local specialities throughout the day.

Details of each pathway can be found on the bordeauxgsef2025.org website - under Territorial Pathways.



À savoir :

The territorial pathways are reserved for participants in the Bordeaux GSEF 2025 Global Forum and registrations can be made online at the same time as the Forum or by returning to your personal space at a later date (the pathways are offered as an option at the end of the Forum registration - bordeauxgsef2025.org).

They will take place over the course of a day, with times varying according to the route.

Price: 15 euros per participant (including travel, lunch and breaks/tastings, and all activities) to be paid on registration.

Please note: capacity limited to 45 people per tour!

Guided tours translated into English and Spanish.

In practice



Registration fees

Registration is online at bordeauxgsef2025.org. Registration fees have been set to suit the different profiles of participants in a spirit of solidarity and fairness.

Unless otherwise stated, the general rate includes:

- **1 3-day PASS to all Forum venues**
- **The 3 lunches on site**
- **1 TBM PASS for free use of public transport**
(bus, streetcar, BATO/boat-bus)
- **admission to Espace Bodega and Hangar 14 trade fairs**

Take
advantage of
pre-sale
prices until
30 June.

Special rates apply for these different participant profiles:

- **GSEF membres** (up to date with membership fees and outside the French local authorities)
- **Youngsters under 25**
- **National and local governments and public institutions**
(excluding French local authorities)
- **French territorial authorities**
- **Solidarity PASS**
 - › Contributors to the Forum's workshops and round tables
 - › SSE structures with fewer than 3 employees
 - › Jobseekers
 - › Students over 25 years old
- **Partners and exhibitors** (within the limits of the planned partnership offers)
- **Delegations**
- **Participants at partner satellite events** (excluding local authorities and governments)
 - › Researchers registered for the CIRIEC International Social Economy Research
 - › Participants in the European Meeting on Local Currencies
- **Media** (only for journalists)

In all other cases, the general visitor rate applies:

- › **OCDE* visitor rate : 350 euros**
(early birds rate : 300 euros until 30 June)
- › **Visitor outside OCDE : 150 euros**
(early birds rate : 100 euros until 30 June)

Good news: 25% discount are automatically applied to groups of 6 or more.

Find all the registration fees on the bordeauxgsef2025.org website or by flashing this QR code.



› The 3-day PASS includes the option of taking part, the day before the Forum, in a "Tour - SSE in the region" (15 euros supplement on registration, including return transport from Bordeaux, lunch and activities).

* **List of OECD countries:** Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.



From 9pm, the 'Garonne' area of Hangar 14 will be open exclusively to those registered for each evening.

In a relaxed and musical atmosphere, it will be an opportunity to extend the day's discussions and initiate new encounters with other participants and speakers.

**> Single rate: 32 euros per evening
(2 complimentary drinks and tapas)**

You can register for evenings as an option when you register or by returning to your online space.

Online community

With the Forum's social networking platform, you can:

- Receive information and opportunities from the Forum,
- Participate in general conversation threads (channels) to exchange with all participants,
- Create private groups with other participants,
- Contact participants directly to meet them during the Forum,
- Launch discussion topics related to Forum themes and the SSE agenda.

Inclusion of people with disabilities

- › Plenary sessions and round-table discussions will benefit from sign language translation and access to subtitles in French, English and Spanish on a tablet.
- › All areas of Palais 2 l'Atlantique and Hangar 14 are accessible to people with reduced mobility or in wheelchairs (ramp, elevator, etc.).
- › People requiring special assistance can indicate this on their ticket registration form.



Visa

For all participants needing to obtain a visa to attend the Bordeaux GSEF 2025 Forum, a dedicated section is available on the bordeauxgsef2025.org website to guide you through the process.

First step: register for the forum. Then follow the instructions carefully.

Beware of delays: it always takes several weeks to apply for a visa!

Accommodations

To facilitate the stay of participants in the Bordeaux GSEF 2025 Forum, the organizers, in conjunction with the Bordeaux Tourist Office, are offering you a list of accommodation with preferential rates set up for the Forum. This list of accommodation, which is non-binding and non-exhaustive, represents only part of what is available in the area.

Find the list of partner establishments on the bordeauxgsef2025.com website or by flashing this QR code.





**Global organization of local governments
and civil society networks
for Social and Solidarity Economy**



An international organisation ...

The GSEF (Global Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy) is an international organisation of local governments and civil society networks committed to promoting the social and solidarity economy (SSE) as a means of achieving inclusive and sustainable local development.

Created in 2013, the GSEF differs from existing international SSE initiatives and networks. The emphasis on the role of local government clearly affirms their crucial role in the governance and resolution of the major challenges of the twenty-first century, from climate change to social cohesion and inequalities.

The GSEF is convinced that systemic changes begin at the local level, underpinned by a partnership between civil society and public and private stakeholders, with the aim of ramping up the SSE to set the standard for tomorrow's economy, by integrating the collective management of common goods.

The GSEF promotes various forms of SSE, including social enterprises, cooperatives, foundations, mutual societies and self-help groups, which put people before profit.

In addition to its biennial SSE forum, which has become one of the largest international gatherings, the GSEF operates in five key areas:

-  **Capacity building for local governments (co-construction of SSE public policies)**
-  **Exchanges of experience and practices**
-  **Research and publication**
-  **Creation and support for local and national SSE networks**
-  **International advocacy for international recognition of the SSE**

The GSEF has a significant capacity for convergence, through its many partnerships and closer collaborations, in addition to a capacity for action.

The GSEF cooperates with international networks, which are also members. This collective approach facilitates collaborative actions in line with priorities in order to promote the SSE and, with it, a change in development models.

Through its advocacy activities, the GSEF has made a major contribution to the international recognition of the SSE by the most multilateral institutions, building up momentum which culminated in 2022-2023 with the OECD Recommendation, the universal definition of the International Labour Conference (ILC), and the Resolution of 18 April 2023 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

... with strong local roots

In October 2021, the GSEF General Assembly selected Bordeaux as the host city for the headquarters of its Standing Secretariat, previously based in Seoul, South Korea.

The city's bid was supported by four partner local authorities: the City of Bordeaux, Bordeaux Métropole, the Department of Gironde and the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, in association with the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Regional Chamber for the Social

and Solidarity Economy (CRESS) representing stakeholders and stakeholder networks.

The GSEF is chaired by Pierre Hurmic, Mayor of Bordeaux (Vice-President of Bordeaux Métropole) and co-chaired by Stéphane Montuzet, President of CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine. Since the introduction of continental co-presidencies in 2021, the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region has carried out this mandate for Europe (vice-presidency: Departmental Council of Gironde).

Facts & Figures

- **84 members from 37 countries on five continents, including 24 local governments, 7 local government networks and 23 civil society networks.**
- **Secretary General – Aude Saldana**

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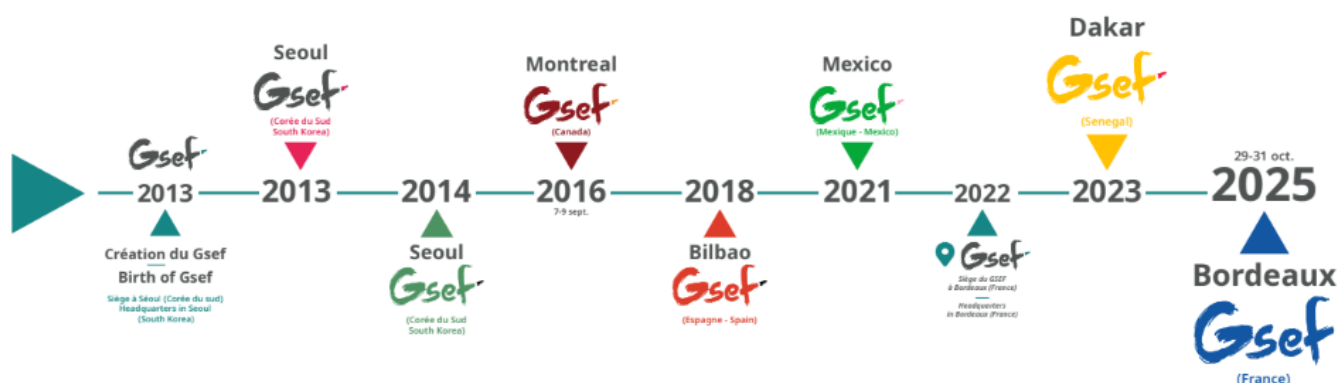


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One event: the Global SSE Forum

In 10 years, the GSEF has become a recognised global network, demonstrating its ability to mobilise a wide range of players from every continent. This is illustrated by the success of the last six GSEF Global Forums (Seoul, Montreal, Bilbao, Mexico and Dakar). The GSEF entrusts the organisation of this major event to a host city on a biennial basis. Bordeaux GSEF 2025 represents the seventh edition of the Global SSE Forum.



Focus on ...

DakarGSEF2023

Dakar hosted the 2023 edition of the GSEF Global SSE Forum, co-organised by the City of Dakar, RACTES, the GSEF and the Senegalese Ministry of Microfinance and SSE. This six-day event featured a GSEF Forum preceded by two pre-forum events: "Jeun'ESS" focusing on youth, and "Femm'ESS" focusing on women. The event was very well attended, with a large number of participants from Senegal and West Africa. This edition culminated in the reading of the Dakar Declaration at the closing plenary session.

- 10 plenary sessions
- More than 250 contributions
- 80 workshops and self-managed sessions
- 4402 speakers from 37 countries on 5 continents
- 3,000 participants
- 230 national and local governments represented
- 260 cities in 60 countries on 5 continents





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