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Illustration of the BORDEAUX GSEF 2025 on the cover – The visual incorporates certain symbols among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the UN and gathered in the 2030 Agenda. The SSE occupies a central place in achieving these goals, recognized by the UN resolution of April 18, 2023. Bordeaux GSEF 2025 will constitute an important milestone on this trajectory.



The Global SSE Forum

Bordeaux GSEF 2025

In the autumn of 2025, the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum is organized for the first time in France, following the editions in Seoul, Montreal, Bilbao, Mexico City, and Dakar. A major international biennial event, it brings together all stakeholders of the Social and Solidarity Economy ecosystem.

The objective?

To share visions and practices that can make the SSE the «norm that will regulate the economy of tomorrow,» imposing the primacy of the human and the collective project over capital and structuring an economy of proximity as well as the long term.

This 7th edition take place from October 29 to 31, 2025, in Bordeaux, a city whose mayor is also the President of the GSEF. It is organized by the City of Bordeaux with the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Gironde Department, Bordeaux Métropole, and the CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine, in close connection with the GSEF's general secretariat.

Each edition of the Global SSE Forum:

- **pursues a political objective** by bringing together elected officials and leaders from around the world, international experts, development agencies, networks, and grassroots actors committed to promoting this human-centered economy that respects the environment. A final declaration formalizes the political commitments that translate into a roadmap for the next two years.
- **promotes the exchange of experiences and expertise** implemented on all continents. Successful innovations led by local governments and all actors engaged in the SSE are highlighted through a dense and co-constructed program.

Bordeaux GSEF 2025 constitute an important milestone on the trajectory aimed at achieving sustainable development goals. Five years from the 2030 Agenda, it must allow us to gather civil society and territories to mobilize, challenge decision-makers, and accelerate the transition.

This is all the more crucial as the world today faces numerous threats: wars, authoritarian regimes, economic disorders, social conflicts, ecological disasters, etc. It is about showing that another world is possible and that it already exists.

Thus, the Scientific Committee propose a rich program articulated around a strong theme and opening doors to various sub-themes, fueled by contributions from around the world.

Beyond the site of exchanges, the Forum radiate in time and space through territorial pathways, but also through a cultural program, showcasing the SSE for everyone, participants as well as the general public.

Open to the city, Bordeaux GSEF 2025 is an opportunity to highlight the SSE in what it is and can be, present in the daily lives of residents, to demonstrate its benefits for the common good. Bridges are also offered to conventional economic actors to spread the values of the SSE and raise awareness of contributions to the territories.

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

3-day Forum

+ 1 day of territorial pathways offered the day before



3 500 participants 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 city centre site on the banks of the river:
the Hangar 14, dedicated to opening up to the general public



a SSE Youth Hub:
the Cité Bleue

with interactive and entertaining activities, exhibitions, etc.



with:

- a discovery area entitled 'The SSE, an economy that wants the best for us!'
- opportunities to meet and discuss regional cooperation with players from the conventional economy



And an entire city celebrating SSE

with numerous events (urban walks, immersion experiences, music, exhibitions, cinema, etc.) in Bordeaux and Bègles

A networking dimension

with spaces and tools for connecting people

A stand area

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

A live radio broadcast from the Forum

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

The requirement for an eco-designed and low-impact event



The Forum will also launch, with ESS France, the Month of the SSE 2025, which every year in November allows for a spotlight on the social and solidarity economy throughout France.

Will be awarded on the occasion of the Forum:

- the SSE Awards by ESS France
- the SSE Heartfelt Awards of Bordeaux Métropole
- the 10 winners of the Finance Tomorrow scheme, the City of Bordeaux's call for SSE projects



the Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Awards



Local SSE players highlighted

- **A proactive responsible purchasing policy** (around 70% of service purchases were made from local SSE actors)
- **Territorial pathways** on the eve of the Forum to meet SSE actors and local authorities in Gironde and neighbouring departments
- **Promotion of products and services** at the «Marketplace» in Hangar 14



The place of youth

Special attention will be given to involving the 15-25 age group locally, both in advance through projects and during the event. The aim is both to attract young people to the Forum and to give them the opportunity to learn more about the SSE. This type of entrepreneurship can only develop by bringing in the younger generations.

A commitment from local authorities to the Forum and to the Social and Solidarity Economy



Pierre Hurmic
Mayor of Bordeaux
President of the GSEF

What will take place in Bordeaux in October 2025 will be a momentous event. It is a great source of pride to be the host city for the 7th Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum. And as mayor, I feel not only pride but above all a great deal of hope. Because everything suggests that in terms of the economy, to paraphrase a famous quote by Malraux, the 21st century will be SSE or it will not be at all.

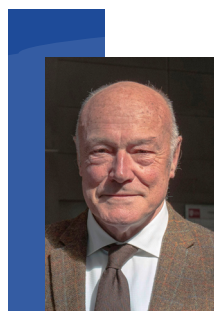
This is my deep, personal conviction. And it is ours, collectively. The Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Gironde Department, Bordeaux Métropole and the City of Bordeaux have chosen to work hand in hand, starting in 2021, to support the Social and Solidarity Economy, to encourage innovation, collective dynamics and 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 concrete, and the figures are more than encouraging. In the municipality of Bordeaux alone, which has nearly

1,500 establishments, or half of the ESS structures in the metropolitan area, the number of employees has increased by more than 20% in ten years.

We have been able to turn our territories into testing grounds for 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 executives have a central role to play, thanks to their proximity to citizens.

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



Alain Rousset
President of the
Regional Council of
Nouvelle-Aquitaine

The social and solidarity economy is inseparable from my conception of political action. It is both one of the cornerstones of a major regional development policy, enabling life to be brought back to places where, sadly, it had sometimes disappeared, and a profound source of innovation, particularly human innovation. It also complements and inspires the conventional economy. Where there is no lucrative market – often in rural areas, or in public utility sectors such as waste management, funeral services and integration through economic activity – the SSE is there to bring together all the stakeholders in a territory and build society.

In this respect, it is a laboratory for all transitions, a permanent field of exploration, and a model for corporate territorial responsibility.

It is a source of immense regional pride: Nouvelle-Aquitaine was the first region to create a department entirely dedicated to the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE). On the tenth anniversary of the Hamon law, the time has come to assess the progress made and set a new course to amplify this vast movement, a dynamic that, by its very nature, carries within it the bifurcations that are essential to the entire economic world.

The Global SSE Forum in Bordeaux, where delegations from around the world will converge with the shared conviction that the SSE is a viable, humanistic economy compatible with planetary boundaries, will be the perfect opportunity to demonstrate its relevance. See you in October 2025.





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



The major social, economic, ecological and societal transformations of the 21st century will be collective or they will not happen at all. Here in Gironde, we promote human and territorial solidarity network enables us to think and act simultaneously and everywhere, in tune with local realities. The roadmap we share with the actors of the Gironde SSE allows us to carry out projects of general and collective interest, to innovate based on reality and the lived experience of the territory, in contrast to a vertical market economy disconnected from the ground that leads to environmental predation, withdrawal, social exclusion and a feeling of abandonment.

With its strong local roots, this local economy is a path to integration thanks to the non-relocatable and sustainable jobs it creates,

and the weaving of social ties that are essential to the resilience of our society.

Getting involved in the GSEF means giving the Gironde ecosystem the international momentum it needs to enrich the local social and solidarity network in the medium and long term. The economy of tomorrow is first and foremost a grassroots economy! In Gironde, as in the rest of the world, there can be no longterm prosperity on a planet plagued by climate and social disasters. In addition to our local action, we are therefore committed to forging links with civil society beyond our borders in order to promote the hope of fair globalisation that is committed to the regions.



Christine Bost
President of
Bordeaux Métropole

As a catalyst for social innovation, the social and solidarity economy helps to make our region an active and supportive metropolis and is fully in line with the new direction that our local authority wishes to take. Aware of the economic, social and environmental challenges, Bordeaux Métropole has created an ecosystem to support stakeholders in promoting the development of economic projects and numerous initiatives for its residents and region.

Supported for the past fifteen years by an ambitious metropolitan policy, the SSE has grown in importance in our region: the SSE brings solidarity to life right down to the last kilometre, ensures that the essential needs of our fellow citizens are met, and provides multiple, tailored and innovative solutions to social and environmental challenges.

Today, our Metropolis is delighted to host the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum to continue this work. The collective commitment of our community, the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Gironde Department and the City of Bordeaux enables us to align the various strategies in place to offer coordinated and complementary action to our partners.

These opportunities for discussion and sharing with global SSE actors will enable us to continue raising awareness of the SSE, but also to promote inspiring solutions to be disseminated in our territories in order to work concretely towards promoting an inclusive, solidarity-based model that creates jobs.

The involvement of the Regional Chamber of the SSE



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

Far beyond being a single economic project, the Social and Solidarity Economy is a political project. It is the ambition of a fairer society to defending rights, our environment, and a caring society. It is a vision of wealth built on sustainably managed resources and redistributed equitably.

Collective action on an international scale is essential to bring this project to fruition. The commitment within the GSEF of the SSE actors represented by CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine and ESS France is one of social transformation, making the economy a vehicle for individual and collective emancipation.

Our next meeting with the Bordeaux Forum 2025 will showcase this wealth of actions, practices and people committed to the common good.

We firmly believe that a desirable and just future can only be achieved through the social and solidarity economy, which is the policy that fosters the bonds necessary for solidarity among citizens of the world.



Programming at the Palais 2 l'Atlantique, the heart of the Forum

In brief :

- 13 political and thematic plenary sessions
- 169 round tables allowing for the exchange of diverse experiences across different geographical areas and sectors
- A stand area representing institutions, SSE networks, Forum partners, SSE actors and a radio studio
- Specific events: GSEF Network General Assembly, CIRIEC (International Centre of Research and information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy) workshops and closing ceremony – CIRIEC International SSE Research Conference

The schedule for each day is presented in the appendix to this file.



The Global SSE Forum

29-31 october 2025 – Palais 2 l'Atlantique Bordeaux Lac



at a
glance

Wednesday 29 october

9 am	Opening plenary session	9am-10:15am CIRIEC workshops
10:15 am	Inaugural lecture Ms Pavlina Tcherneva	
	Break	
11:05 am	Government initiatives promoting the SSE	Round tables
12:05 pm	12:30 pm - 2 pm Lunch (open from 11am to 3pm)	12:05-12:35pm CIRIEC closing ceremony
2 pm	Round tables	
	Break	
3:15 pm	The SSE at the heart of regional economic transitions	Round tables
	Break	
4:30 pm	Local SSE policies: what ambitions for scaling up?	Round tables
	Break	
5:45 pm	Round tables	
6:45 pm		

Thursday 30 october

When a dystopia becomes reality, where does the SSE stand?	
Tribune Mr Juan Antonio Pedreno	
Following the recognition of the SSE by international organizations, it is now time for action	Round tables
Break	
The future lies in the regions #1	Round tables
12:30 pm - 2 pm Lunch (open from 11am to 3pm)	13 pm-15 pm GSEF AG
Round tables	
Break	
The future lies in the regions #2	Round tables
Break	
16:30pm-18pm Financing the SSE: the challenge of resources	Round tables
	Round tables

Friday 31 october

Decent work, a necessity for empowerment	Round tables
Break	
What if more economic democracy were the solution?	Round tables
Break	
Round tables	
12:30 pm - 2 pm Lunch (open from 11am to 3pm)	
The SSE, a vehicle for social peace	
Closing plenary session	

●● Plenary sessions

Plenary sessions

With 13 plenary sessions, the Forum is clearly aware of the importance of the issues at stake and the significance of the responses that must be provided. Between advocacy, reflection, demonstration through evidence, mobilisation and calls to action, this edition affirms its convictions:

- **7 political plenary sessions** bring together panels of political figures and representatives from major SSE institutions or networks called upon to express the challenges, visions and conditions for sustainable, inclusive development rooted in local communities.
- **4 thematic plenary sessions** invite leading figures to discuss major current issues for those who bring the SSE to life.

Wednesday 29 october

From 9 am to 10:15 am

Opening plenary session

This opening period will place the 7th edition of the Bordeaux GSEF 2025 Global SSE Forum in a context of international developments that will determine the future of transitions and set the tone for a committed event.

9 am-9:30 am

Speeches:

- **Pierre Hurmic**, Mayor of Bordeaux and President of the GSEF
- **Alain Garnier**, Vice President of Bordeaux Métropole in charge of the SSE and the local economy
- **Jean-Luc Gleyze**, President of the Gironde Department
- **Alain Rousset**, President of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Regional Council

Video message:

- **Emmanuel Macron**, President of the French Republic

9:35 am-10 am

Round table:

- **Stéphane Montuzet**, Co-President of Gsef and President of CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine
- **Benoit Hamon**, President of ESS France
- **Simel Esim**, Director of Cooperative and social and solidarity economy, Unit COOP/SSE and President of the UNTFSE)

10 am-10:15 am

The Bordeaux national Opera Choir conducted by Salvatore Caputo.

From 10:20 am to 10:50 am

Inaugural lecture

by **Ms Pavlina Tcherneva**, American economist, associate professor at Bard College and advisor to Bernie Sanders during his US presidential campaign

From 11:05 am to 12:05 pm

Government initiatives promoting the SSE

This edition of the Global SSE Forum comes at a crucial time on the international stage, just a few days before the World Social Forum in Doha, which will bring together heads of state and international organisations to accelerate the establishment of a new global social contract. How are states strengthening the recognition of the SSE by international organisations? How are they helping to promote SSE at the continental level in a turbulent context? What national policy should be pursued for SSE, and with what resources?

These are crucial questions on which the ministers attending this plenary session will share their views and commitments.

Panelists:

- **Dr Alioune Dione**, Minister of Microfinance and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Senegal
- **Mr Gilberto Carvalho**, National Secretary for the Popular and Solidarity Economy in the Government, Brazil (in video)
- **Ms Maria Amparo Merino Segovia**, Secretary of State for Social and Solidarity Economy, Ministry of Labour, Spain
- **Mr Luis Gutiérrez Reyes**, Secretary for Social and Solidarity Economy, Ministry of Economy, Mexico
- **Mr Kim Kyung-soo**, Minister, Local Committee to the Presidency, South Korea (in video)
- **Mr Maxime Baduel**, Ministerial Delegate for the Social and Solidarity Economy, France
- **Ms Lamia Kamal-Chaoui**, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities at the OECD

Moderation:

- **M. Stéphane Montuzet**, Co-President of Gsef and President of CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine

From 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

The SSE at the heart of regional economic transitions

Faced with a global economic model that contributes to widening inequalities and accelerating the degradation of our planet — carbon emissions, erosion of biodiversity, overexploitation of natural resources — it is essential to support and amplify the transitions already underway. This plenary session will address how, by combining our strengths, we can rethink our models, transform our territories and strengthen the positive impact of the economy on society and the environment.

Panelists:

- **Ms Isabelle Ferrand**, Managing Director of the Crédit Mutuel National Conference, France
- **Ms Maryline Filippi**, Lecturer and researcher at Bordeaux Sciences Agro, France
- **Mr Antoine Grolin**, Chairman of Nhood, France
- **Mr Kako Nubukpo**, Economist, former Minister of Togo and former Togolese Commissioner within the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) Commission
- **Mr Woo Seunghee**, Governor of Yeongam County, Jeollanam-do Province, and current Secretary General of SSEGOV, Korea

Moderation:

- **Mr Denis Stokkink**, Economist

From 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Local SSE policies: what ambitions for scaling up?

Plenary session organized by GSEF and CIRIEC (Centre for Research and Information on Public and Social Economy)

Previously characterized by a fragmented approach (divided between legal families) and sometimes limited to the remedial function of the SSE, new local SSE policies are turning it into a pluralistic and transformative socio-economic model capable of meeting the challenges of sustainability and inclusion.

- Is this simply a modification of the system, allowing the SSE to coexist alongside a capitalist economy that remains the norm?
- Where do these new policies have the potential to change this system by rebuilding it around the SSE, its rules, processes and organizations?

This plenary session aims to bring together, share and discuss the work carried out by the GSEF and CIRIEC on local SSE policies.

Panelists:

- **Mr Rafael Chaves**, Chair of the Scientific Committee at CIRIEC Spain
- **Ms Eider Inunciaga**, Councillor for the City of Bilbao, Citizen Services and Participation, Agenda 2030 and International Affairs, Spain
- **Ms Marguerite Mendell**, Economist and Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the School of Public and Community Affairs and Director of the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Quebec City
- **M. Washington Quaquá**, Mayor of Marica, Brazil
- **Ms Nathalie Tubiana**, Director of Finance and Sustainable Policy at Caisse des Dépôts, France

Moderation:

- **Mr Timothée Duverger**, Lecturer and researcher, Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Global SSE Forum Bordeaux GSEF 2025, France



Thursday 30 October

From 9 am to 10 am

When a dystopia becomes reality, where does the SSE stand?

The rise of dictatorships and authoritarian regimes around the world, the weakening of traditional democracies, the return to obscurantism and the growing importance of technical solutions are shaping a world that we thought was reserved for the imagination of fiction writers. Faced with these upheavals, for which it holds part of the solution, will the SSE offer firm resistance or will it be among the first victims of these abuses?

This plenary session will open up a collective and beneficial space for analysis and responses.

Panelists:

- **Mr David Cobb**, Coordinator of the US Social Economy Network and member of the RIPESS Board of Directors, United States
- **Mr Benoît Hamon**, President of ESS France
- **Mr Issa Kassis**, Mayor of Ramallah
- **Ms Anne Savinel Barras**, President of Amnesty International France

Moderation:

- **Mr Thomas Legrand**, Editorial writer at Libération and producer at France Inter

With press cartoonist **Urbs**, who will react live and sketch the plenary sessions.

From 10:15 am to 11:15 am

Following the recognition of the SSE by international organizations, it is now time for action

In this International Year of Cooperatives proclaimed by the United Nations, the Global Forum is part of a busy international agenda, between the 4th Conference on Financing for Development (FF4D) and on the eve of the second World Summit for Social Development in Doha in November. Since gaining international recognition in 2022 and 2023, the SSE has been seen as a key lever for achieving the 17 SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) of the 2030 Agenda. How can we continue to implement the various recommendations and resolutions in practice? This plenary session will take stock of the situation by asking organizations to confirm their role in the SSE and questioning them on the practical scope of the commitments made and the action plans implemented.

Panelists:

- **Dr Sabelo Mbokazi**, Head of Labour, Employment and Migration at the African Union Commission
- **Ms Ruth Paserman**, Director-General DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission
- **Mr Mauricio Rodríguez Amaya**, Director General of the Department of Social Prosperity (DPS) at the National Government and Council of Ministers of Colombia (attendance to be confirmed)
- **Mr Lope B. Santos III**, Chief Executive Officer, National Anti-Poverty Commission (CAPC) - ASEAN, Philippines (on video)
- **Mr Sébastien Vauzelle**, Head of the Local 2030 Coalition Secretariat at the United Nations

Moderation:

- **Ms Aude Saldana**, Secretary General of GSEF, France

From 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
and from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

The future lies in the regions – testimonials from mayors and local governments

The future lies with local areas and the people who live and work there. In a fluctuating and uncertain global context, this scale empowers local communities and enables them to develop strong local responses to societal and environmental challenges. The GSEF network, founded in 2013, emphasises the local governments and mayors by affirming their crucial role in governance and in resolving the major challenges of the 21st century, whether climate change, social cohesion or inequality.

These two plenary sessions illustrate this conviction and highlight the fundamental partnerships between local governments and civil society, as well as a renewal of democratic processes and the need for ongoing dialogue.

They will offer an overview of initiatives and experiences from all over the world, providing inspiration for other elected officials and actors in the SSE.

Panelists for part 1:

- **Ms Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General of UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments)
- **Mr Michael Kpakpo Allotey**, Mayor of Accra, Ghana
- **Mr Mamoudou Jaffar Ball**, Regional Councillor and GSEF Representative for the Nouakchott Region, Mauritania
- **Ms Kim Bora**, Mayor of Anyang, Chairwoman of SSEGOV and new Asian Co-Chairwoman of GSEF, Korea
- **Mr Freddy Montes**, Mayor of Belén de Umbria, Colombia
- **Ms Ana Umbelino**, President of Reves Network – European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy and Vice – Mayor of the municipality of Torres Vedras, Portugal

With press cartoonist **Urbs**, who will react live and sketch the plenary sessions.

Panelists for part 2:

- **Ms Monique Ayi**, Mayor and Chairperson of REMCESS (Network of Cameroon Mayors for the Social and Solidarity Economy), Cameroon
- **Mr Mohammad Azaz**, Mayor of Dakah, Bangladesh
- **Ms Jeanne Barseghian**, Mayor of Strasbourg, France
- **Mr Christophe Bouillon**, Mayor of Barentin and President of the Association of Small Towns of France
- **Mr Yves Coppieters**, Minister for Health, Environment, Solidarity, Social Economy, Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights in the Walloon Government and the Government of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, Belgium
- **Mr H. Hadiano Rasyid**, S.E, Mayor of Palu, Indonesia

Moderation:

- **Ms Mahel Coppey**, Chair of RTES (Network of Local Authorities for a Social and Solidarity Economy), France

From 4:30 pm to 6 pm

Financing the SSE, the challenge of resources

The issue of financing SSE actors is a major concern throughout the world, both in terms of resource mobilization and governance. Re-examined financing mechanisms and economic rules must enable a massive redirection of investment towards the SSE. What virtuous alliances between governments, development finance institutions and communities will enable the principles of the SSE to be anchored in financial governance, taking into account local realities? How can we move from finance that serves a minority to finance that serves people, territories and the planet? To discuss this, the speakers in this two-part plenary session will present their visions of finance based on solidarity, ethics, democracy and social justice.

Part 1 – How can we secure funding for the SSE to strengthen its position in the wider economy?

Panelists:

- **Ms Frédérique Destailleur**, Chair of the Management Board of Caisse d'Epargne Aquitaine Poitou Charentes
- **Ms Gisèle Rossat-Mignod**, Director of the Banque des Territoires Network, France

- **Mr Aly Rahim**, Head of the Alliance for Civil Society and Social Innovation (CIVIC) at the World Bank
- **Mr Rémy Rioux**, Director General of the French Development Agency (AFD)

Moderation:

- **Ms Denise Fatoumata Ndour**, General Administrator of Sen'Finances and Chair of the International Association of Investors in the Social Economy (INAISE)

Part 2 – What are the challenges involved in consolidating SSE financing stakeholders?

Panelists:

- **Ms Véronique Faujour**, General Delegate of the Grameen Foundation – Crédit Agricole, microfinance credit, France
- **Mr Young Kim**, Member of the Board of Directors of SVSFund, Korea
- **Mr Pascal Michard**, President of Aéma Group, France
- **Mr Daniel Sorrosal**, Executive Secretary of FEBEA

Moderation:

- **Mr Dominique Lesaffre**, Member of the GSEF Advisory Committee

Friday 31 october

From 9 am to 10 am

Decent work, a necessity for empowerment

In many developing countries, the informal economy remains a central reality. In so-called developed countries, it is the very nature of the relationship to work that is changing. For better, but also for worse, when this change goes hand in hand with precariousness and intensified forms of economic and social domination. The rise of gig work is a striking illustration of this. In this context, what levers can the social and solidarity economy activate to organise workers regardless of their status? How can we ensure decent working conditions and real social protection for all? Can the SSE offer a credible alternative to the dominant model and rebalance the balance of power? This session will bring together analyses, testimonials and courses of action.

Panelists:

- **Ms Simel Esim**, Director of Cooperative and social and solidarity economy, Unit COOP/SSE and President of the UNTFSSSE
- **Ms Sonia George**, Member of the Executive Committee of the IDWFED (International Domestic Workers Federation)
- **Mr Laurent Grandguillaume**, President of the National Association for Zero Long-Term Unemployment, France
- **Mr Youssouf Kamara**, Bicycle courier in Bordeaux for AMAL (Association for the Mobilisation and Assistance of Couriers), France
- **Mr Jules Lella-Konan**, Director of the Assembly of Regions and Districts of Côte d'Ivoire (ARDCI)
- **Mr Federico Parra Hinojosa**, Social and Solidarity Economy Specialist at WIEGO (Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing)

Moderation:

- **Mr Quentin Chapus**, Lecturer and researcher, socio-economist specializing in development
- **Mr Jean-Philippe**, University Professor of Economics - Africa in the World - Sciences Po Bordeaux

From 10:15 am to 11:15 am

Could more economic democracy be the solution?

The prevailing model considers economic growth to be the sole indicator of the health of our societies. In light of rising social inequalities and the accelerating ecological crisis, this dogma is now being called into question. Among the measures that can be implemented, economic citizenship offers a promising avenue. Giving citizens a greater role in economic decisions would allow for better integration of social and environmental issues that are often neglected. This plenary session will explore how to put democracy back in the center of economy, in order to imagine a fairer and more sustainable model of development.

Panelists:

- **Mr Matthew Brown**, Senior Fellow with The Democracy Collaborative and Leader of Preston City Council, England
- **Mr Stéphane Junique**, Chairman of the Vyv Group, France
- **Ms Sarah McKinley**, Community Wealth Building independent consultant
- **Mr Joseph Njuguna**, Policy Director at the ICA (International Cooperative Alliance)
- **Mr Jérôme Saddier**, President of Crédit Coopératif, France

Moderation:

- **Mr Timothée Duverger**, Lecturer and researcher, Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Global SSE Forum Bordeaux GSEF 2025

From 2 pm to 3 pm

The SSE, a vehicle for social peace

Civil wars and conflicts between states dominate world news. These armed conflicts often stem from the exploitation of resources and populations, the perpetuation of certain modes of domination, and tensions linked to migration flows.

This plenary session will examine the dynamics created by SSE tools to pacify social relations and avoid conflicts, by looking at the links between SSE and NGO action. It will also highlight the role of the social and solidarity economy in post-war reconstruction.

Panelists:

- **Ms Fanélie Carrey-Conte**, Secretary General of CIMADE and former Secretary General of Enercoop, France (attendance to be confirmed)
- **Mr Omar Freilla**, Co-founder and coordinator of Collective Diaspora, Americas
- **Mr Ahmed Galai**, Winner of the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize, Tunisia
- **Ms Merem Tahar**, Special Envoy for Youth of the President of the 15th United Nations Conference
- **Mr Georges-M Magambo**, Executive Secretary of the Platform of Local Authorities of the Great Lakes Countries (PALPGL), Democratic Republic of Congo

Moderation:

- **Ms Sybille Mertens**, Economist

From 3:15 pm to 4 pm

Closing plenary session

- International Youth Declaration presented in slam format on stage by 50 young people from the delegations present
- Bordeaux Declaration, roadmap leading up to the next GSEF Forum
- Passing the torch to the city that will host the Global SSE Forum in 2027

Round tables

The **169 round tables** were organized on the basis of contributions from across the SSE ecosystem of the SSE on five continents following a call for projects by the Scientific Committee in July 2024, others round tables emanating of the Gsef network and its members (reported by **Gsef**).

7 pathways are available, allowing better organization of the participation in the round tables, according to areas of interest.

From this packed programme, we have made a selection that highlights the wealth of viewpoints and topics covered.



Pathway 1

Financing the transition: what tools can be used to support the SSE?



Pathway 2

Taking actions for 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: the SSE, a key player in the provision of social services



Pathway 7

Inventing a desirable future: innovation, impact and new narratives



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Financing the SSE worldwide: closing the gaps together



Pathway 1

Thursday from 10:15 am to 11:15 am

A world tour of innovative and inspiring financial solutions already implemented to strengthen and develop the social and solidarity economy on a large scale: discover the exclusive FAIR-GSEF study developed as part of the GSEF Working Group on SSE financing.

Speakers:

- **Víctor Meseguer Sánchez**, ABACUS, Spain
- **Margot de Groot van Embden**, GSEFxFair Study, France
- **Clémence Vaugelade**, FAIR, France
- **Speakers of the “Innovations and Partnerships for the 2030 Agenda” division, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs**, France

Moderation:

- **Martin Georges**, GSEF, France

Developing citizen empowerment and the SSE to finance regional transitions



Pathway 1

Thursday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

This round table explores innovative economic models that empower citizens and reinvent finance in the service of the common good. These initiatives prove that another economy is possible: cooperative, local, and democratic. Together, they show how generosity, trust, and participation can transform our communities in a sustainable way.

Speakers:

- **Jean-Christophe Boyer**, HelloAsso, France
- **Alex Lopez Morgado**, Ekilur S. Coop, Spain
- **Dominique Dupont**, Réseau d'Investissement Social du Québec, Canada
- **Guylaine Seité**, Fédération des Cigales, France

Moderation:

- **Rémy Poignant**, CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France

Towards regional platforms to support and assist youth-led SSE initiatives



Pathway 1

Friday from 9 am to 10 am

This round table aims to bring together public authorities, technical and financial partners, impact investors, and private companies (through CSR, impact finance, innovation) to encourage them to actively engage in an ambitious program to support SSE Youth Initiatives across West Africa. This dynamic includes the deployment of pilot schemes in different territories and countries, capacity building for stakeholders, action research, and Europe-Africa exchanges in this area.

Speakers:

- **Chantal Yelu Mulop**, Specialized Service of the Head of State in charge of Youth, Combating Violence Against Women and Human Trafficking, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Sandra Kassab**, Africa Department, French Development Agency, France
- **Yann Delaunay**, France Volontaires, France
- **Hélène Delaplace**, Africa Europe Youth Academy, France

Moderation :

- **Fabrice Adelphe BALOU**, GSEF Youth Division and ABEWE, Ivory Coast
- **Bruno MERIC**, YPICC (Youth Policies & International Cooperation Consultancy), France
- **Yann GUEGAN**, YPICC (Youth Policies & International Cooperation Consultancy), France

Public-private dialogues on financing the SSE



Pathway 1

Friday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

This round table highlights the power of blended finance and public-private partnerships as levers for innovation and resilience in the social and solidarity economy. These initiatives demonstrate how cooperation between actors can strengthen local dynamics, support social entrepreneurship, and transform territories in a sustainable way.

Speakers:

- **Kevin Moisan**, Centre Pierre Naville - Combo77 – Initiatives77, France
- **Désiré Kadio-Morokro**, Alliance SA, Ivory Coast
- **Clémence Vaugelade**, FAIR, France
- **Nicolas Heeren**, ESS-LL (limited profitability) Working Group, Coordination SUD France, France
- **Justine Pelleray**, ADEFIP - J'adopte un projet, France

Moderation:

- **Marguerite Mendell**, Karl Polanyi Institute, Canada

« Power to the people » : Keys to success in taking back control of our energy future



Pathway 2

Wednesday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

This round table explores the rise of citizen energy communities in Europe and beyond. Through inspiring examples, it shows how citizens are becoming actors in the energy transition. In a collaborative format, participants will be invited to debate, reflect, and co-construct courses of action for truly shared and democratic energy.

Speakers:

- **Eugénie Bardin**, Enercoop, France
- **Fabrice Collignon**, ResCoop Wallonie, Belgium
- **Leire Ugarte**, Goiener, Spain

Moderation:

- **Violayne Le Borgne**, CRESS Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France

Economic justice and social innovation: for fair and resilient agricultural sectors



Pathway 2

Thursday from 2 pm to 3 pm

This round table brings together initiatives that promote fair, sustainable agriculture rooted in local communities. It highlights models that value the work of farmers, strengthen food sovereignty, and rebuild the link between producers and consumers.

Speakers:

- **Rochdi Boubker**, FIMAROSE, Morocco
- **Anna Lanfranchi**, Max Havelaar, France
- **Stéphane Comar**, Terra Etica I Café Michel SCOP, France
- **Pierre Poupert-Lafon**, PotSol - Potagère et Solidaire, France

Moderation:

- **Quentin Chapus**, Sciences Po Bordeaux, France

Social and solidarity economy: a lever for the socio-ecological transition of the industrial world



Pathway 3

Wednesday from 11:05 am to 12:05 pm

This round table highlights a new industrial path driven by the social and solidarity economy: more local, more sustainable, and more human. It shows how the SSE is helping to transform our production methods, revitalize territories, and embed economic performance in a logic of social and environmental responsibility.

Speakers:

- **Fatima Bellaredj**, CGSCOP et Labo de l'ESS, France
- **Lina Fahsi**, The Network of Citizen Entrepreneurs, France
- **Mathieu Joerger**, Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, France
- **Jean-François Herz**, Saw-B, Belgium

Moderation:

- **Tassadit Zerdani**, University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada

What paths for democracy in companies?



Pathway 3

Wednesday from 2 pm to 3 pm

This round table explores the role of cooperatives as levers for eco-social transition and economic democracy. Through concrete examples such as SCOPs, SCICs, and the Licoornes alliance, it shows how a solid cooperative model can combine economic resilience, democratic governance, and social impact, while proposing concrete ways to strengthen this ecosystem in the service of the common good and sustainable development goals.

Speakers:

- **Xavi Palos**, XES, Spain
- **Sylvie Mayer**, SSE Commission - French Communist Party, France
- **Christelle Baron**, Manufacture coopérative, France
- **Chahin Faiq**, Les Licoornes, France

Moderation:

- **Sébastien Chaillou**, CRESS Île de France, France

The potential of the SSE to guarantee decent work for workers in the informal economy: progress, challenges, and opportunities



Pathway 3

Thursday from 10:15 am to 11:15 am

This roundtable will draw on lessons learned from informal workers' organizations, highlighting opportunities and challenges while positioning the SSE as a promising pathway to decent and formal work.

Speakers:

- **Jeannette Nyiramasengesho**, SYTRIECI – union of workers in the informal economy, Rwanda
- **Jaqueline Serrano Rocha**, UTEP, Argentina
- **Bignon Elvis Espérat Tossa**, Director at the MDB (Mutuelle du Développement à la Base) Bénin
- **Hans Cediel**, RIPESS LAC

Moderation:

- **Federico Parra**, WIEGO, Colombia

Common challenges, solidarity dynamics: from France to Jamaica to address the challenges of the informal sector



Pathway 3

Thursday from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Common challenges, solidarity dynamics: “from France’s maritime regions to Jamaica, tackling the challenges of the informal sector” explores how island cooperation is transforming social challenges into levers for the social and solidarity economy. Between a dynamic youth population, high unemployment, an aging population, and an inspiring informal economy, this round table reveals unique solutions and perspectives born of territories with shared challenges to build shared resilience.

Speakers:

- **Kamal Youssouf**, CRESS de Mayotte, France
- **Renay Folks-Johnson**, Development Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica
- **Chairmaine Brim**, Planning Institute of Jamaica, Jamaica
- **Dr Knife Kadamawe**, University of West Indies, Jamaica

Moderation:

- **Djémilah Hassani**, ESS France Outre-mer, France

Social and environmental innovation clusters: Spreading a model for resilient territories



Pathway 4

Wednesday from 11:05 am to 12:05 pm

The round table will present the role of social and environmental innovation clusters as levers for responding to regional challenges by bringing together economic, social, and public actors.

Pioneering European networks and clusters will share their experiences and best practices in relation to concepts such as regional entrepreneurship.

Speakers:

- **Ana Umbellino**, REVES and GECES, Portugal
- **Christophe Chevalier**, Pôle Sud Archer et SCIC Les PTCE français, France
- **Ranko Milić**, CEDRA HR, Croatia
- **Marion Le Boulch**, FEBEA, France

Moderation:

- **Ruth Paserman**, Director of DG Employment at the European Commission, Belgium

Major international events: how can they be leveraged to promote solidarity and sustainable transition?



Pathway 4

Wednesday from 2 pm to 3 pm

The round table highlights how major international events (sporting, cultural, institutional, etc.) can be seen as levers for social, economic, and ecological transformation by drawing on the expertise of SSE actors.

Speakers:

- **Ahmed Ouazzani**, Moroccan SSE Forum, Morocco
- **Fabienne Oré-Courregelongue**, City of Bordeaux, Bordeaux Métropole and Bordeaux GSEF 2025, France
- **Marie Floquet**, Les canaux, France
- **Sophie Mordelet**, City of Paris, France
- **Ronan Sohier**, City of Paris, France

Moderation:

- **Maylis Bargach**, CRESS Nouvelle Aquitaine, France

African SSE dynamics in the context of Agenda 2063 and the territorialization of the SDGs: challenges and conditions for strengthening SSE as a lever for a just and endogenous transition



Pathway 4

Wednesday from 2 pm to 3 pm

In May 2023, the 6th GSEF Global SSE Forum was held for the first time in Africa, in Dakar. This forum, which brought together more than 5,000 participants, was a decisive moment in the development and recognition of the SSE on the African continent. From the adoption by the African Union of a ten-year strategy for the SSE, to the adoption by African states of an institutional framework dedicated to the SSE or strategies in favor of the SSE, to the emergence of SSE ministries linking it to specific issues such as crafts, the informal sector, solidarity, microfinance, the fight against poverty, etc. These dynamics are promoting a stronger African presence in international SSE forums. Those of the GSEF offer a tremendous opportunity to gain a better understanding of the specificities of African SSE.

Presentation:

- **Malick Diop**, GSEF continental co president, Président du FORA'ESS (African Forum for SSE)

Speakers:

- **Irène Marie Cécile Mboukou-Kimbatsa**, Minister of Social Affairs, Solidarity, and Humanitarian Action, Republic of Congo
- **Betty Amongi Akena**, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda
- **Achille Bassilekin III**, Minister of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, Social Economy, and Handicrafts, Cameroon
- **Fernando Elisio Freire**, Minister of State, Family, Inclusion and Social Development, Cape Verde
- **Lahcen Es-Saadi**, Secretary of State to the Minister of Tourism, Handicrafts and Social and Solidarity Economy, responsible for handicrafts and the social

and solidarity economy, Morocco

- **Sabelo Mbokazi**, Department of Labor, Employment, and Migration, African Union

Moderation:

- **Sambou Ndiaye**, UGB Saint- Louis, FORA'ESS Scientific Committee, Senegal
- **Chiyoge B. Sifa**, Lamavera Gr, former ACI director for Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo

A North American dialogue on the development of the SSE and local practices: fertile ground for democratic renewal?



Pathway 4

Wednesday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

This round table examines the state of the social economy in Canada and the United States, where cooperatives, mutual societies, associations, and social enterprises play an essential role despite limited recognition (outside Quebec). Speakers will analyze strategies and public policies to strengthen these organizations, protect their practices, and stimulate their territorial development. The discussion will highlight how these initiatives provide fertile ground for democratic renewal and social cohesion in North America.

Speakers:

- **Joe Guinan**, President of Democracy Collaborative, United States
- **David Cobb**, Coordinator of the US Social Economy Network and member of the RIPESS Board of Directors, United States
- **Daniel Brunette**, Director of Canada Coops, Canada
- **Celina Caesar-Chavannes**, Director of CCEDNET, Canada

Moderation:

- **Béatrice Alain**, Chantier de l'Économie Sociale

Without intermediaries, there is no representation: the vital role of intermediary bodies in the SSE



Pathway 4

Wednesday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

This round table highlights the essential role of intermediary bodies in the SSE in representing, structuring, and relaying civil society. Trade unions, employer networks, and associations share their experiences and expertise to build participatory democracy, defend the interests of the SSE, and strengthen its structure at the national and international levels.

Speakers:

- **David Cluzeau**, UDES, France
- **Claire Thoury**, Le Mouvement Associatif, France
- **Benoît Hamon**, ESS France, France
- **Sarah de Heusch**, Social Economy Europe, Belgium

Moderation:

- **Antoine Détourné**, ESS France, France

The International Coalition of SSE CIESS/CISSE: Stability in times of uncertainty: how does SSE contribute to peacekeeping?



Pathway 4

Wednesday from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm

The International SSE Coalition, co-founded by GSEF and four other major international SSE networks, will highlight the role of SSE in building lasting peace, beyond the absence of armed conflict. Speakers will show how SSE promotes human security, justice, dignity, and individual rights by consolidating peace directly within communities and supporting sustainable development.

Speakers:

- **Eric Chenut**, President of Mutualité Française for AIM, France
- **Aude Saldana**, Secretary General of GSEF, France
- **Giuseppe Guerini**, Director of Cooperatives Europe, ACI, Italy
- **Pascal Michard**, President of AEMA for ICMIF, France
- **Alain Coheur**, Solidaritis Bé, President of ESS FI, Belgium

Moderation:

- **Marion Pouzoulet**, ESS Forum International, France
- **Stéphane Montuzet**, GSEF, France

Continental dynamics - European Union: national SSE strategies - Supporting the development of the social economy as a driver of growth in Europe



Pathway 4

Thursday from 9 am to 10 am

At the time of the mid-term review of the European Social Economy Plan adopted in December 2021, the European SSE community fears massive setbacks and scaled-back political ambitions. Five countries, brought together by an OECD TSI - Technical Support Instrument, will present the progress made in developing their national SSE strategies during this panel discussion, following the European Council's recommendation of November 27, 2023, which encourages Member States to adopt a specific national strategy to support and develop the social and solidarity economy.

Speakers:

- **Eduardo Pedroso**, Data Analyst, CASES (Cooperativa António Sérgio para a Economia Social), Portugal
- **Ivana Sesar**, Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy, Croatia
- **Evelyne Ahipeaud**, Head of Unit Impact Investing Social and Solidarity Economy - Directorate General of the Treasury - Ministry of Economy and Finance, France
- **Werner Pirnay**, Manager of European and International External Relations – Social

Economy Unit – Public Service of Wallonia Economy, Employment, Research, Wallonia, Belgium

- **Julien De Beys**, European Commission, Belgium

Moderation:

- **Amal Chevreau**, OECD, France

Local authority networks for the SSE: challenges, alliances and connections



Pathway 4

Thursday from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm

A forum for local authorities committed to the social and solidarity economy to share current issues facing local authorities in developing the social and solidarity economy, discuss the benefits of developing local authority networks for the social and solidarity economy, their roles and missions, and possible links between national and continental networks and the GSEF.

Speakers:

- **Martin Désiré Onada MBA**, mayor of Mengueme and member of REMCESS, Cameroon
- **Nicolas Greugny**, Office of Economic Development, Gatineau, and member of Villes et économie sociale au Québec, Canada
- **Luigi Martignetti**, REVES, Belgium
- **Delidgi Houindo**, President of REMBESS and Mayor of Savalou, Benin

Moderation:

- **Patricia Andriot**, Vice President of RTES, local elected representative for Pays de Langres, France

International cooperation and multi-stakeholder advocacy for a SSE rooted in local communities



Pathway 4

Friday from 9 am to 10 am

This round table highlights the importance of international cooperation and multi-stakeholder advocacy in strengthening the territorial roots of the social and solidarity economy. Speakers will share their concrete experiences of cross-border partnerships and collaborations between local authorities, NGOs, and SSE structures to support sustainable and inclusive local initiatives.

Speakers:

- **Emilio Rabasco**, Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI), Spain
- **Arnaud Breuil**, ICOSI, France
- **Anna Rispa**, Assembly for Cooperation for Peace (ACPP), Morocco

Moderation:

- **Denis Stokkink**, Economist, Belgium

Continental dynamics of the SSE in Asia : What strategic measures are needed to create a more vibrant ecosystem of SSE in Asia? What could be the role of the local governments in fostering the necessary change of scale?



Pathway 4

Friday from 10:15 am to 11:15 am

This round table explores SSE practices in Asia, rooted in solidarity and mutual aid, and will question their support by local governments. Speakers will

share experiences in employment, gender equality, aging, and territorial revitalization, and will discuss measures to strengthen SSE ecosystems: regional advocacy, capacity building, and financial solutions.

Speakers:

- **Maria Josefina «Joy» Belmonte**, Mayor of Quezon City, Philippines
- **Rajendra Narmin**, Nepal Rural Municipalities Network, Nepal (on video)
- **Benjamin Quinones**, économiste, ASEC, Philippines
- **Sonam Tobgye**, Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister and Head of Bhutan Innovation Lab, Bhutan
- **Lope B. Santos III**, Chief Executive Officer, National Anti-Poverty Commission (CAPC) - ASEAN, Philippines (on video)

Moderation:

- **Young Kim**, SSEGOV, South Korea

From the creation of RIFESS to the Paul Singer law in Brazil, what are the major developments in the SSE in Latin America and the Caribbean?



Pathway 4

Friday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

This round table explores the richness and diversity of the SSE in Latin America and the Caribbean, driven by community, municipal, and intergovernmental initiatives. Speakers will present the RIFESS roadmap, experiences related to biodiversity and indigenous communities, and developments in Brazil. Together, they will discuss the challenges and prospects for developing large-scale SSE ecosystems, reducing poverty and inequality, and strengthening territorial anchoring in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Speakers:

- **Rodrigo Amaya Rodrigues**, Director General of the Department of Social

Prosperity (DPS), President of RIFESS, Colombia

- **Elizabeth Ugalde Miranda**, Deputy Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development, Guatemala
- **Matheus Gaucho**, SSE Secretary, City of Marica, Brazil
- **Arianna Burgos**, Director General, National Institute of Popular and Solidarity Economy, Ecuador
- **Anderson Cardoso**, Co-Director UNISOL, Brazil
- **Colombia Perez Munoz**, Director INDESCO, University Cooperative of Colombia, Colombia

Moderation:

- **Leandro Moraes**, Professor-Researcher at São Paulo State University, Brazil

Women, power, and inclusion: innovative initiatives for a transformative SSE



Pathway 5

Wednesday from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

The round table will take stock of the place of women in the SSE and show how the SSE promotes their empowerment, from South to North. It will highlight the contribution of women's experiences, wherever they are listened to and recognized. Finally, it will highlight initiatives, particularly in Europe, to combat the under-representation of women in SSE governance.

Speakers:

- **Marie-Claire Koulibaly**, LES DEESSes, Ivory Coast
- **Patricia Solaun González**, Economistas sin Fronteras, Spain
- **Elise Pierrette Memong Meno Epse Mpong**, RESSCAM and RIPESS, Cameroon
- **Éric Kpogba**, Grandir avec le rugby, Benin

Moderation:

- **Salima Chitalia**, Pour la solidarité, Belgium

SSE, solutions for the future of the press?



Pathway 5

Wednesday from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm

This round table explores how the social and solidarity economy can offer concrete responses to the challenges of editorial independence and pluralism in the media sector. Speakers will share their experiences of cooperatives and alternative media, illustrating how cooperative, participatory, and citizen-based models can strengthen the diversity of information and guarantee autonomy in the face of economic and political pressures.

Speakers:

- **Claude Dorion**, MCE Conseils, Coops de l'information au Québec, Canada
- **Jean-François Lefort**, Mediabask, France
- **Charles Lucazeau**, Coop-médias, France
- **Romain Tord**, Politis, France
- **Stéphanie Lacaze**, Sud Ouest, France

Moderation:

- **Simon Barthélémy**, Club de la Presse de Bordeaux Nouvelle-Aquitaine and Rue89 Bordeaux, France

Rethinking proximity: When local solidarity improves the daily lives of people living in vulnerable areas



Pathway 5

Thursday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

This round table discussion shows how the social and solidarity economy supports vulnerable populations in rural areas through entrepreneurship, inclusive mobility, and the creation of places for social interaction. Mobile initiatives, socio-professional support, and community cafés illustrate how to cooperate, strengthen social ties, and revitalize territories for sustainable and inclusive development.

Speakers:

- **Adrien Lepage**, Agrisud international, France
- **Alexandre Valles**, Mon ptit camion, France
- **Richard Godonou**, Network of Young People and Teenagers for Peace and Climate Justice, Benin
- **Sébastien Bailleul**, Wimoov, France
- **Kévin Magne**, 1000 cafés, France

Moderation:

- **Pascaline Grenet**, Bordeaux Métropole, France

Entrepreneurship and women's inclusion: capacity building



Pathway 5

Thursday from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm

This round table explores how entrepreneurship is becoming a lever for autonomy and resilience for women and young people. These initiatives show how training, personalized support, and support networks can strengthen skills, provide access to new economic opportunities, and promote inclusive and sustainable local development.

Speakers:

- **Nathalie Riond**, HEC Paris HEC Stand Up, France
- **Tam Tran**, Impact ON, Canada
- **Yvette Bizele KENFACK NZANGO**, APADES, Cameroon
- **Djémilah Hassani**, ESS France Outremer
- **Hélène Hannoir**, President of Maif Impact France or Séverine Saint Martin, Director of Scop Fondespierre, training organization

Moderation:

- **Fatima Bellaredj**, CGSCOP and Labo de l'ESS, France

What does caring mean to you? Intergenerational dialogue on care networks in solidarity economies



Pathway 6

Wednesday from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

The SSE and care are a direct response to the patriarchal capitalist system that exploits bodies, time, and territories for its own profit. The SSE places care at the center as a political act of supporting life in the face of commodification and extractivism. The mutual support networks and community practices that we present on a global scale challenge these logics and build a horizon where care is a collective right, a tool for emancipation.

Speakers:

- **Harouna Padiene**, RAMS, Burkina Faso
- **Wanida Kotchasarn**, Homenet, Thailand
- **Jaqueline Serrano Rocha**, WIEGO, Bolivia
- **Amelia Campos**, member of Mes que Cures, Mexico/Catalonia

Moderation:

- **Andrea Rodriguez**, RIPESS Europe, Proyecto You(th) Care

Housing & SSE: a crisis and solutions



Pathway 6

Thursday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

The SSE offers innovative and inclusive solutions to the housing crisis by experimenting with new forms of housing and access to land.

Speakers:

- **Sophie Piquemal**, Vice President in charge of housing, integration and SSE, Gironde Department, France
- **Clémentine Boiteau**, CRESS Occitanie, France
- **Philippe Garant**, Fiducie du Chantier de l'Economie Sociale, Canada

- **Elia Michelena**, Fiducie du Chantier de l'Economie Sociale, Canada
- **Chantal Bisson**, National Table of Community Development Corporations (TNCDC), Canada

Moderation:

- **Rémy Poignant**, CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France

Collective spaces, shared governance, and local roots: drivers of social and ecological innovation



Pathway 6

Thursday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

This round table highlights the role of collective and cooperative initiatives in revitalizing communities and promoting social and ecological innovation. It illustrates how cultural, social, and community spaces can be managed democratically, stimulate citizen participation, and integrate sustainable practices, while meeting local needs and strengthening social ties.

Speakers:

- **Stéphane Pinard**, Friche la belle de mai, France
- **Franck MOUGET**, Le Bateau ivre, SCIC Ohé !, France
- **Sarah Du Vinage**, Manuco, France
- **Henri Chevalier**, CDEC LaSalle-Lachine, Canada
- **Yves Picard**, CDEC LaSalle-Lachine, Canada
- **Pooja Chopra**, Orlina Ventures, Inde

Moderation:

- **David Le Norcy**, Consultant, France

No alternative ? A tour of the SSE world



Pathway 7

Wednesday from 11:05 am to 12:05 pm

The world is in crisis and the challenges are staggering. Faced with these

issues, there seems to be only one possible option: cutthroat competition and individual sacrifice. However, alternatives do exist, and the social and solidarity economy (SSE) is one of the oldest but also one of the most fruitful. Ideas and actions: all over the world, its actors have long been developing, and today more than ever, other ways of producing, sharing, protecting, and innovating, serving both people and the planet. The Jean Jaurès Foundation proposes to showcase and debate its ideas and practices, which are building a different future every day, on all five continents.

Speakers:

- **Sambou Ndiaye**, Gaston Berger University, Senegal
- **Marguerite Mendell**, Karl Polanyi Institute, Canada
- **Youssef Achour**, Upcoop Group, France
- **Gabrielle Halpern**, Philosopher, France

Moderation:

- **Jérémy Peltier**, Jean Jaurès Foundation
- **Timothée Duverger**, Chaire Terr'ESS

The role of the SSE in the multilateralism agenda in a post-2030 vision



Pathway 7

Wednesday from 2 pm to 3 pm

The round table will explore the different perspectives of young people, informal workers, and other actors facing a future in which the SSE is the most important systemic response to the current global social, economic, and environmental crises.

Speakers:

- **Séraphin Gasore**, INSP!R, Zamuka-Rwanda, Rwanda
- **Federico Parra**, WIEGO, Colombia
- **Eri Trinurini**, ASEC, Indonesia
- **Pierrette Epmeno**, RAESS, Cameroon

Moderation:

- **Cecilia Mátente**, RIPESS LAC

Legitimizing through figures: how to best manage the advantages and risks of SSE statistics?



Pathway 7

Wednesday from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Measuring the SSE is the best way to make it happen! Reliable, shared data is key to revealing its real weight, demonstrating its impact, and influencing public policy decisions.

Speakers:

- **Steve Lewis**, Observatory of the Social and Solidarity Economy, ESS France
- **Augustin Morel**, Observatory of the Social Economy, Concertes, consultation of representative organizations of the social economy, Belgium

Moderation:

- **Sybille Mertens**, Center for Social Economy, HEC Liège, University of Liège, Belgium

Building a different kind of society – SSE, civic engagement, and the struggle for recognition



Pathway 7

Wednesday from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm

This round table discussion questions our growth model and explores how to build a truly sustainable and inclusive economy. The round table will promote intergenerational and intersectoral dialogue on post-growth transitions and alternative economic indicators, paving the way for a more just and sustainable future.

Speakers:

- **Marion Ben Hammo**, Fondation de France, France
- **Thomas Lagoarde-Segot**, KEDGE BS, EconomiX & SDSN France, France
- **Gustavo Wandsidler**, RIPESS, Argentina
- **Mireille Pelchat**, Chantier de l'économie Sociale, Québec, Canada

Moderation:

- **Mélanie Thuillier**, CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine



An animation and stand area

At the heart of the Forum, a large area allows participants to take a break between round tables, exchange ideas and meet partners and exhibitors promoting their activities.

It is also possible to extend the formal programme with:

- 📖 **a radio studio** where you can watch live recordings of various programmes or podcasts offered, for example by, Médiatico with « ESS on air », by community media outlets and students from the Bordeaux Aquitaine Institute of Journalism, with a daily program ;
- 📖 **a selection of books** by the Librairie Mollat ;
- 📖 **DIY production of postcards and posters promoting the SSE** with the support of the O tempora communication cooperative ;
- 📖 **An excuse and action generator for future generations** with the Sorry Children association.



The launch of SSE Month and the awards ceremony

Hangar 14

Free access for Forum participants upon presentation of their badge

Thursday 30 October

Launch of the SSE Month

From 8 pm to 9 pm

This year, the launch of SSE Month will take place during the Global SSE Forum in Bordeaux. SSE Month is an annual event that aims to raise awareness and understanding of the SSE through events organized throughout mainland France and its overseas territories.

- Opening by Benoît Hamon, President of ESS France
- International round table on the structuring, promotion and prospects of the SSE
- SSE Awards ceremony

From 9 pm to 9:30 pm

- Bordeaux Métropole SSE Favorite Awards ceremony

From 9:30 pm to 11 pm

- Cocktail reception (by invitation only)



Friday 31 October

Announcement of the Finance Tomorrow winners

From 5 pm to 6 pm

Announcement of the 10 winners of the Finance Tomorrow programme, the City of Bordeaux's call for social and solidarity economy projects, which doubles citizen donations, in partnership with CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine, the J'adopte un projet platform and with the support of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region.

Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Awards ceremony

From 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Endowment Fund will present the awards for their calls for projects. Committed to the vitality of their regions and their stakeholders, Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and Crédit Mutuel Arkéa are mobilising their support.

The SSE Youth dynamic of Bordeaux GSEF 2025

Since its creation in 2013, the GSEF has always recognised the importance of engaging young people in the Social and 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.

The SSE Youth Hub

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

Its action is structured around three areas:

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

The SSE Youth Hub is based on a decentralised approach with five complementary continental dynamics, led by continental co-pilots and periodic meetings.



Africa:
ABEWE (Côte d'Ivoire)



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



Latin America and the Caribbean:
INAES - Institut National de l'Économie Sociale (Mexico)



Asia:
Seoul Youth Hub (South Korea)



Europe:
Nouvelle-Aquitaine Région (France)

Young people during the Forum

During the Forum, the Cité Bleue will host the Youth Hub. International youth delegations expected at the Forum will be able to finalise the drafting and preparation of the International Youth Declaration, the result of work carried out on different continents. This will be presented at the closing of the Forum at the Palais 2 l'Atlantique.

Beyond this site, young people will of course be present throughout the Forum, particularly in Hangar 14 for events aimed at the general public, but also in Palais 2 l'Atlantique, where youth delegations will host two radio programmes and present their work at a stand.



Programming at the Cité Bleue, the Youth Hub



Located in the heart of Bordeaux's Bacalan district, on the former site of the Beghin Say sugar refineries, the Achard business park has become the Cité Bleue. The site is the youth hub during the Forum, offering young people a place to meet and exchange ideas. Participants in

Bordeaux GSEF 2025 and the general public can discover a programme that complements that of the Palais 2 l'Atlantique, with interactive workshops, cultural activities and spaces for socializing.

The Global SSE Forum

28-31 october 2025 – Cité bleue



● Games and workshops ● Exhibitions ● Frescoes ● Screening ● Film discussions ● Closing

Tuesday 28 october

9:30 am	Time for young people to get to know each other and meet <i>Le Village</i>
12 pm	Lunch
2 pm	Preparing to participate in the Forum <i>Le Village</i>
5 pm	
8 pm	Film screening — “L’histoire de Souleymane” by Boris Lojkine <i>Le Village</i>
11 pm	

Wednesday 29 october

	12 pm-2 pm — Lunch (open from 11 am to 3 pm)				
2 pm	Popoter et Papoter: a culinary tale of youthful commitment <i>Bilbao</i>	Sharing and building our New Citizen Narratives <i>Mexico</i>	Film screening- debate-dance “How can we get involved?” <i>Dakar</i>	Ecological Civic Service: the augmented exhibition — Presentation of the exhibition by the Léo Lagrange Foundation <i>Le Village</i>	Fresco of the Social and Solidarity Economy <i>Séoul 2</i>
3:30 pm					
4 pm	Education cooperatives: Innovating in entrepreneurship <i>Bilbao</i>	Drassy Game: experiencing finance differently <i>Mexico</i>	Youth Commitment Canvas <i>Montréal</i>	SSE Youth afternoon tea: chat, share and enjoy! <i>Le Village</i>	
5 pm					



3 exhibitions
to discover from
29 to 31 october

**The Faces of
the SSE**

—
produced by e-graine
and Osons Ici et
Maintenant

**Ecological Civic
Service**

—
augmented exhibition
presented by the Léo
Lagrange Federation

**Volunteering and
international work
camps**

—
exhibition offered
by Co-travaux

Thursday 30 october

9:30 am	Trans-forming experiences into future projects <i>Bilbao</i>	For responsible, high-quality volunteering <i>Mexico</i>	Explore the SSE interactively: discussions, meetings and cooperative game <i>Le Village</i>	Fresco of the Human Factor <i>Montréal</i>	Fresco of Life <i>Séoul 1</i>	Fresco of Global Trade <i>Séoul 2</i>
11 am		Migration and global citizenship and solidarity: towards a transformative experience <i>Mexico</i>				
12 pm	12 pm-2 pm — Lunch (open from 11 am to 3 pm)					
2 pm	More than just housing: a journey of solidarity <i>Bilbao</i>	SSE: discovering the jobs of tomorrow <i>Mexico</i>	JOG JËEM: being young and making your voice heard <i>Dakar</i>	2030 Glorieuses <i>Montréal</i>	Multi-stakeholder village: meeting committed young people — Shipping within the SSE <i>Le Village</i>	The Faces of the SSE — Convivial exhibition opening with e-graine & Osons ici et maintenant <i>Le Village</i>
3:30 pm		Box, move, exchange! <i>Mexico</i>	Coop destination <i>Dakar</i>	Monopoly of Inequality <i>Montréal</i>		Different perspectives on new forms of civic engagement among young people <i>Séoul 1</i>
5 pm						Towards a pan-African network of SAEs committed to the SSE: South-South and South-North cooperation under development! <i>Séoul 1</i>

Friday 31 october

9:30 am	Counter-mapping: making visible the territorial effects of places of sociability in transition <i>Mexico</i>	ESS'cape Game <i>Montréal</i>	Choosing the SSE to give meaning to one's work: what does cinema show us? <i>Dakar</i>	Fresco 'The world as seen by toddlers' <i>Séoul 1</i>	Fresco depicting integration through economic activity <i>Séoul 2</i>
11:30 am	Discovering the SSE through play <i>Bilbao</i>			Creativity as a vehicle for awareness and expression <i>Mexico</i>	
12:30 pm	Participate, exchange, celebrate — Le Village			12 pm-2 pm — Lunch (<i>open from 11 am to 3 pm</i>)	
5 pm	Time for celebration and sharing <i>Le Village</i>				

Activities and workshops

Here is a selection of activities and workshops that showcase the variety of lively events and formats on offer.



Full programming at
bordeauxgsef2025.org

Tuesday 28 october

Start at 8 pm

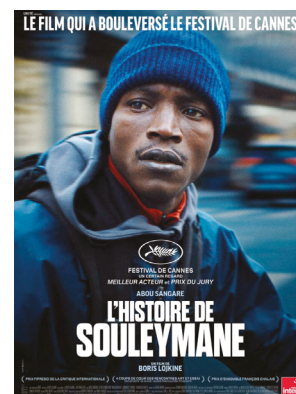
● Open-air screening

L'histoire de Souleymane
- film by Boris Lojkine

Winner of several awards at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival, including the Jury Prize in the «Un Certain Regard» section, the Best Actor Award for Abou Sangaré, and the FIPRESCI Prize (International Critics' Award).

As he cycles through the streets of Paris delivering meals, Souleymane repeats his story. In two days, he has to attend his asylum interview, the key to obtaining papers. But Souleymane is not ready.

Discussions may continue at the Guinguette de la Cité Bleue until midnight.



Wednesday 29 october

2 pm - 3:30 pm

● Games and workshops

Popoter et Papoter:
a culinary tale of youthful commitment

This workshop offers a sensory and gourmet immersion to recount how young Ambassadors of the social and environmental economy discovered the social and solidarity economy. Through a signature menu and the exploration of the five senses, the principles of healthy and sustainable eating are presented in order to collectively question our eating habits.

Hosted by:

• Popote et Papote

● Games and workshops

Sharing and building our New Citizen Narratives

After watching a video screening of Nouveaux Récits africains (New African Stories), participants will be able to create their own stories through improvisational theatre games, allowing them to explore new forms of civic expression.

Hosted by:

• Monarch Intelligence

2 pm - 4 pm

● Fresco

Fresco of the Social and Solidarity Economy

This workshop offers an introduction to and raises awareness of the key principles and concepts of the social and solidarity economy through the creation of a collective mural that presents a comprehensive and unique image of the world of the SSE.

Hosted by:

• Georges-Henri ABTOUR, creator and animator of the fresco

● Games and workshops

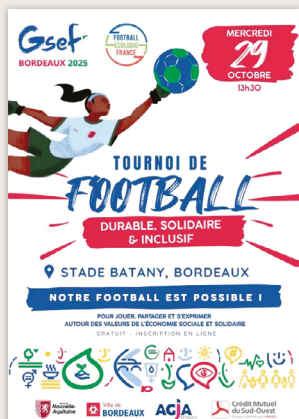
Education cooperatives:
Innovating in entrepreneurship

ECJ, CJS, KPA, ... But what do these obscure acronyms actually mean? They refer to innovative forms of cooperatives designed to introduce collective and cooperative entrepreneurship to younger generations (aged 16-30). In this workshop, come and discover the different forms and modalities of these cooperatives, which are offered each year in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, with contributions from young cooperative members.

Hosted by:

• URHAJ NA, SCIC interstices, Kpa La Rochelle, Collectif PLOUCS, CAE Co-actions, CoopAlpha, Le Levain, AmeSud, HAJSA, Horizons Habitat Jeunes, SCIC Acc'ESS, CBE du Seignanx pour le PTCE SA, La Ligue de l'Enseignement, Fabrique Coopérative

+
**Elsewhere
in town**



Solidarity and inclusive football tournament

This football tournament is based on sharing, friendliness and cooperation between all participants. Far from the spirit of competition and performance, it focuses on the pleasure of playing together, respect for everyone and the richness of the encounter. The aim is not to win, but to create bonds in a festive and friendly spirit.



**Meet at the
Stade Batany
12 avenue Bel Air
in Bordeaux**

— Online registration
required —

*Organized by the GSEF's SSE Youth hub with Football Ecologie France
with the support of the City of Bordeaux and the Nouvelle-Aquitaine
Region and in partnership with Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest*



Thursday 30 october

9:30 am - 11:30 am

● Games and workshops

Transforming experiences into future projects

This co-development workshop based on experimental actions in Europe aims to bring together young people and actors in the social economy. The objective is to understand how to develop actions to better reach young people, who are an essential driving force for successful transitions (economic, ecological, social and civic).

Hosted by:

- CRESS Grand Est

11 am - 12 pm

● Games and workshops

Migration and global citizenship and solidarity: towards a transformative experience

We invite you to come and experience an hour of education on global citizenship and solidarity on the theme of migration and intercultural dialogue. We will have time for games with 'Démigraphification', presentations

of ongoing projects, and time for discussion and debate. At the end of the workshop, students from the professional degree programme in International Solidarity and Sustainable Development in the South will give us a report on their findings. Whether you are interested in migration issues or a professional in the field of education, this workshop will fuel your thinking and/or your desire to take action.

Hosted by:

- RADSI

9:30 am - 12 pm

● Professional networking workshop

Explore the SSE interactively: discussions, meetings and cooperative game

This interactive session invites participants to discover the social and solidarity economy in a different way, through a discussion forum, open exchanges and a collaborative game. It is an opportunity to meet professionals involved in coordinating impactful projects, ask specific questions about commitment, integration or project creation, and also exchange ideas with young

people who are leading inspiring initiatives. A friendly moment to explore possible career paths in the SSE, learn, discuss... and play.

Hosted by:

- CEMEA Nouvelle Aquitaine
- Initiative Développement
- S-team Expérience
- Balkhisse traiteur
- Boubacar Siddy Barry et fils Establishment

2 pm - 4 pm

● Fresco

2030 Glorieuses

This workshop invites participants to work together to sketch out the contours of a more just, sustainable and happy society. Participants will imagine what their lives will look like, from the individual to the societal level, while sharing inspiring stories that feed into a common vision for change.

Hosted by:

- 2030 Glorieuses

● Games and workshops

Different perspectives on new forms of civic engagement among young people

Drawing on the multi-country project 'Youth and Local Democracy', which brings together the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Itasy Region in Madagascar and the Fatick-Diourbel interdepartmental agreement in Senegal, the aim will be to explore ways of involving young people in public life through a slam writing workshop led by the Ta mère la Mieux collective. This workshop will also be shared with the youth ambassadors who will draft the International Youth Declaration.

Hosted by:

- Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region
- Ta mère la mieux collective
- GSEF

2 pm - 5 pm

● Games and workshops

Shipping within the SSE

Through a series of games and activities, participants discover the values and principles of the Social and Solidarity Economy. The workshop addresses themes such as commitment, solidarity, values and family, enabling participants to learn about the SSE in a fun way.

Hosted by:

- Ligue de l'Enseignement

● Games and workshops

Monopoly of Inequality

Monopoly of Inequality is an extension of the classic game that complements the Monopoly© board but with rules that reflect the injustices of today's society. It invites players to discover inequalities and discrimination. Everyone is confronted with their own prejudices and explores ways to combat inequality.

Hosted by:

- Association of readers of Alternatives Économiques

Friday 31 october

9:30 am - 11:30 am

● Fresco

Fresco "The world as seen by toddlers"

After introducing children to the values of the Social and Solidarity Economy in a fun way, the workshop culminates in the creation of a collective mural. This creative moment reveals how young children perceive the challenges of the contemporary world, while affirming their ability to express themselves and represent their ideas.

Hosted by:

- Culture Kconnect

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

● Games and workshops

Discovering the SSE through play

Through everyday situations (employment, housing, consumption, mobility, etc.), this game aims to break down preconceptions and explore the SSE in a fun way. Try to recognize what is (or is not) part of the SSE.

Hosted by:

- Centre Régional Information Jeunesse Nouvelle-Aquitaine (CRIJ NA)
- Union Régionale des Habitats Jeunes Nouvelle-Aquitaine (URHAJ NA)

Hosted by:

- Isulia

12:30 pm - 13 pm

● Closing

Participate, exchange, celebrate

This closing sequence offers an artistic and collective presentation of the three days of workshops. Through improvisation, humour and slam performances, participants will celebrate the exchanges, ideas and commitments shared in a joyful and forward-looking atmosphere.

Hosted by:

- Sabourou Karim
- Décalez
- European advocacy ambassadors
- (Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, GSEF, Palex)

● Games and workshops

ESS'cape Game

Capitalism has failed to deliver on its promises... To save the economy and society, the SSE is the only solution, so become staunch members of a SCIC (cooperative society of collective interest)! Discover all the principles and basics of a cooperative (which will save the world and your life!).

Hosted by:

- Scic Acc'Ess

● Games and workshops

Creativity as a vehicle for awareness and expression

A participatory workshop combining an introduction to the social and solidarity economy with graphic design. Guided by communications and design professionals, participants will learn how to design eye-catching posters to convey messages that really speak to them. Small group format for better understanding, imagining and creating together.



- a space to discover the SSE - all 3 days from 4 pm to 8 pm

FREE ENTRY

Reaching out to the local general public at the Hangar 14

For this edition, the organisers wanted to go beyond a forum dedicated solely to actors in the SSE ecosystem and invite the general public to discover this «economy that wants us well» in a fun, friendly and accessible way.

This is a wonderful way to demonstrate, together with those who bring the SSE to life locally, that another world already exists, responding to the aspirations and expectations of the region's inhabitants. More relevant than ever!



*An awareness-raising space designed
by CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine
with contributions from SSE actors in
response to the call launched
in summer 2025.*

With the support
of SNCF



29^{TO} 31
OCTOBER | H14
4 pm - 8 pm

Hangar 14 - Bordeaux
115 Quai des Chartrons

In brief :

- 📁 **A committed marketplace** with over 30 stalls (sustainable food, crafts, culture, reuse)
- 📁 **Participatory workshops** to learn, question and debate around the Social and Solidarity Economy
- 📁 **Exhibitions** showcasing and explaining the many aspects of the SSE
- 📁 **Screenings** and discussions to open minds and enrich knowledge
- 📁 **Major conferences** to extend the debates
- 📁 **Performances** on the forecourt to engage, attract and entertain
- 📁 **A refreshment bar and a Bodega area** to refresh yourself
- 📁 **Bridges** between the SSE and the conventional economy

A committed marketplace



All 3 days,
from 4 pm to 8 pm

Around thirty organisations will present local alternatives to our modes of production and consumption in the food, craft, culture and reuse sectors to the general public, promoting short supply chains. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase the products on offer at the stands.

To see the list of exhibitors and find out more about their activities >



Full programming at
bordeauxgsef2025.org

Activities and workshops

In the Social and Solidarity Economy discovery area, The general public is invited to learn about, question and discuss the social and solidarity economy in a fun way.



Full programming at
bordeauxgsef2025.org

Here is a selection of the workshops offered each day at fixed times, lasting between 1½ and 4 hours.

Wednesday
29 october

Role-playing game: come and experience a international solidarity project!

Meet at 4 pm
(duration: 2 hours)

Hosted by Dynamique
ECSI 33 (France Amérique
Latine 33, Cool'eurs du
Monde, Happy'Vers, Agrisud
International)

You are interested in international solidarity but have questions? Discover this game, in which you play a key role in a cooperation project aimed at developing a project to promote access to education. But beware of power dynamics and constraint!

Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 october

From fibre to wardrobe

Meet at 4 pm (duration: 1:30 hour)

Hosted by L'Armoire Poétique, as part of the En Mode Éthique collective

Designed in the form of a survey, this game invites participants to discover the concepts and key criteria for recognising and choosing ethical and sustainable clothing that respects the environment and workers throughout the textile life cycle.

From object to territory: the economic redistribution of solidarity-based reuse

Meet at 6:30 pm (duration: 1:30 hour)

Hosted by ReNAITRe (New Aquitaine Network for Local Reuse Initiatives)

This workshop aims to provide a better understanding of the impact of a solidarity-based reuse structure on regional dynamics at the economic, social, environmental and partnership levels, with the aim of fostering a more ecological, cooperative and fulfilling society.

Communicate and inform differently

Meet at 4 pm (duration: 4 hours)

Hosted by the Tiers-Lieux et Vivant media cooperative

- Introduction to free web mapping
- Introduction to podcasting
- Introduction to creating a collective fanzine

Thursday 30
and Friday 31 october

A story of discrimination: the mural

Meet at 6:30 pm (duration: 1:30 hour)

Hosted by La Cravate Solidaire Bordeaux

An immersive journey where we invite the public to step into the shoes of someone seeking employment in order to discover the criteria for discrimination to which they are subject, the consequences for the individual but also for the company, as well as the constraints encountered by HR.

Here is a selection of flash workshops with continuous entry and exit.

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 october

Is it reasonable to poop in drinking water?

Hosted by the Maison des Matières Organiques Oubliées (MAMO)

What issues lie behind the management of our waste? Reducing water pollution, preserving drinking water, producing fertiliser, improving comfort... Exhibition and activities to learn all about waterless toilets and circular sanitation.

All 3 days

Let's give meaning to our exchanges

Hosted by the Gemme local currency of Gironde

Find an information table and an exchange counter.

For a new range of solidarity housing

Hosted by Dedale

Raising awareness about the fight against homelessness and poor housing.

Exhibitions

All 3 days
from 4 pm to 8 pm

A way to discover the many aspects of the Social and Solidarity Economy.

One example among many:

Here, people come before profit

by ConcertES

The exhibition traces the origins, achievements, evaluation and prospects of the communication plan «People before profit», which aims to increase the visibility and awareness of the social economy among the general public in French-speaking Belgium.

Major conferences

Free admission
by reservation

The major challenges of our time will be addressed in two conferences open to all. These meetings will bring together journalists, actors and actresses from the SSE and academics to fuel collective reflection.

Anti-ecological backlash: how are the media resisting?

Wednesday 29 october
from 7 pm to 8 pm

Hosted by Alternatives économiques

Funding, freedoms, etc.: are associations at risk?

Thursday 30 october
from 7 pm to 8 pm

Hosted by Camille Dorival, Editorial Director of Carenews



In addition, there will be:

screenings and testimonials

allowing you to explore further and open up to other themes.

performances on the forecourt and a refreshment bar

Bridges

At Hangar 14 from 6 pm,
free admission upon reservation

«SSE / conventional economy, cooperation for the benefit of local areas»

Through round tables and one-on-one meetings, these discussions explore possible cooperation between economic actors from all walks of life.

On the agenda: reflection on new development models, sharing inspiring experiences and highlighting initiatives that are transforming our regions.

2 round tables

**Can social economy enterprises
and conventional enterprises work
together to build a desirable future?**

Wednesday 29 october from 6 pm to 7 pm

**SSE: an inspiring example for new
development models?**

Thursday 30 october from 6 pm to 7 pm

Duo or trio meetings

20-minute meetings in the form of informal discussions to highlight the innovative and effective nature of the SSE without contrasting it with the conventional economy.

**From CSR to RTE: how can initiatives
be connected within a region?**

Wednesday 29 october from 8 pm to 9:15 pm

**Financial education:
a challenge for citizen autonomy**

Wednesday 29 october from 8:25 pm to 8:45 pm

**When the SSE inspires business:
inclusion and wellbeing at work**

Thursday 30 october from 8:50 to 9:10 pm

The alternative economy

Friday 31 october from 6 pm to 7 pm

**Building bridges, building the future:
the social and economic integration
of migrant women**

Friday 31 october from 7:10 pm to 7:30 pm

**«Can the good that the SSE does
externally be seen internally?»**

Friday 31 october from 7:35 pm to 7:55 pm

Tuesday
28 october
2025

The SSE in the region

9 territorial pathways

The SSE in the region

On 28 October, the day before the Bordeaux GSEF 2025 Global SSE Forum, the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Gironde Department and CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine are offering 9 itineraries to discover local initiatives and dynamics in the social and solidarity economy.

Each itinerary invites participants to immerse themselves in innovative and meaningful projects that embody the values of cooperation, solidarity and sustainable local development.

Around 1,000 people have been and will be mobilized by these visits, including numerous local authorities, nearly 150 SSE actors and, in Gironde, the support of the SSE Clusters and the Collectif Marées. All are motivated by the desire to share the local challenges facing their region and the responses provided by those who have chosen to act for the common good.

Territorial pathways

Registration required
Reserved for Forum participants

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

This is a unique opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of the diversity of ESS ecosystems, to be inspired and to share their own experiences.

Each pathway will also offer a unique opportunity to discover the region's landscapes, heritage and local specialties throughout the day.

Customized itineraries



Good to know

The territorial pathways are reserved for participants in the Bordeaux GSEF 2025 Global Forum. Registration can be completed online at the same time as registering for the Forum, or by returning to your personal account at a later date (the tours are offered as an option at the end of the Forum registration process – bordeauxgsef2025.org).

They will take place over one day, with schedules varying depending on the itinerary.

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

Please note: limited capacity to 45 people per tour!

Tours are accompanied, guided and translated into English and Spanish.

In Gironde

- 1 Bassin d'Arcachon et Val de Leyre
- 2 Libournais
- 3 Médoc
- 4 Sud-Gironde

Neighbouring departments

- 5 Charente
- 6 Charente-Maritime
- 7 Dordogne
- 8 Landes
- 9 Lot-et-Garonne

- 📍 Departure (Bordeaux)
- Steps
- 📍 Arival



For more information
bordeauxgsef2025.org



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Urban walks

«In the footsteps of slavery in Bordeaux»

Guided tour organized by the Mémoires et Partages association network.

- Bordeaux
– Tuesday 28 october at 4 pm

«In the footsteps of Bordeaux's social and solidarity economy»

Two guided tours organized by the association L'Alternative Urbaine Bordeaux.

- Saint-Michel solidarity – Thursday 30 october at 10 am
- Bordeaux Lac along the water – Friday 31 october at 10 am

«The Grand Parc, from the Trente Glorieuses to the sustainable city»

Guided tour organized by the Bordeaux Métropole Tourist Office.

- Bordeaux – Friday 31 october at 4:30 pm

Activities *including:*

La Fabrique Pola

– Regional Economic Cooperation Centre

10 Quai de Brazza,
33100 Bordeaux

**Friday 31 october
from 6 pm to 11 pm**

(free admission)

Doing together: stories of a present AND a desirable future!

Event co-organized by CoopAlpha, e-graine NouvelleAquitaine, La Fabrique Pola, the Laboratoire d'Initiative Alimentaire (LIA), the Maison de la Nature et de l'Environnement (M.N.E) and Le Rocher de Palmer, with the support of Bordeaux Métropole, as part of the GSEF.

SSE actors based on the wider right bank, are rolling out their projects in the fields of sustainable food, the environment, transitions, democracy, citizenship, SSE entrepreneurship and culture.

Programme of collective workshops with free and unconditional participation – from 6 pm to 8 pm

- Discover another way of doing business with the Coop'Alpha cooperative for activities and employment.
- Experience the versatile and user-friendly Polamobile artistic production chain.
- Test out SSE education tools in a fun and interactive way and explore the challenges of transition.

Performative drinks reception presenting each of the initiatives, hosted by Oriane Pascal, Coordinator of M.N.E – from 8 pm

Rap showcase and DJ set – from 8 pm to 11 pm

Ikos

23 Mail des Bordelais,
33300 Bordeaux

**Tuesday 28 october,
wednesday 29 october
and thursday 30
october
at 1 pm**

Take a look behind the scenes at the Ikos boutique in the Ginko district!

Meet the people behind the solidarity reuse initiative and discover the future Village du réemploi project, led by the ikos collective.

ChapitÔ

17 Av. Robert
Schuman,
33130 Bègles

**Thursday 30
octobre from 3
pm to 1 am**

Artistic and creative activities

for young people and families (Créason workshop, blind test, silent party and karaoke, etc.)

Practical information



Registration for the Global SSE Forum - Palais de l'Atlantique

Registration is available online at bordeauxgsef2025.org. Registration fees have been set to accommodate different participant profiles in a spirit of solidarity and fairness.

Online PASS sales close on 22 October - tickets can be purchased on site at the Forum (credit card only).

Special rates apply for different participant profiles (starting at 15€)

For all other cases, the general visitor rate applies:

- **OECD visitor rate*** : 350 euros
- **Non-OECD visitor rate:** 150 euros

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

Unless otherwise stated, the general rate includes:

✓ **1 3-day PASS**
for all Forum venues

✓ **3 lunches** on site

✓ **1 TBM PASS** for free use of public transport (bus, tram, BATO/water bus)

✓ **admission to the Bodega Area and discussions at Hangar 14**

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Appendices

- Detailed programme for each day of the Forum
- Presentation of the GSEF
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Wednesday 29 October

Palais 2 l'Atlantique Bordeaux Lac

9 am

PLENARY SESSION

Opening plenary session

Plenary Room— *Jeanne Deroin*

CIRIEC WORKSHOPS

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10:15 am

10:20 am

10:50 am

Inaugural lecture by Ms Pavlina Tcherneva, american economist

Break

11:05 am

PLENARY SESSION

Government initiatives promoting the SSE

Plenary Room— *Jeanne Deroin*

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)



How can synergies be created to finance the transition in a different way?

Room C1
— *Claude Alphandéry*



Changing scale to transform society: cooperation, financing and dissemination of high-impact SSE solutions

Room H — *Marielle Franco*



Building sustainable and supportive food systems together

Room A — *Elinor Ostrom*



From local resources to sustainable transport: innovating for an ecological and socially responsible transition

Room B1
— *Christian Valadou*



Training, repairing, cultivating, consulting: unexpected levers for initiating a fair, ecological and solidarity-based transition

Room B2
— *Danièle Demoustier*



Social and solidarity economy: a lever for the socio-ecological transition of the industrial world

Room D1 — *Charles Gide*



Culture and change in local public action

Room F1 — *Jacques Ellul*



Social and environmental innovation clusters: Spreading a model that supports resilient regions

Room E — *Karl Polanyi*



From inspiration to action: fostering youth engagement

Room C2 — *Abdou Salam Fall*



Rethinking housing in the face of new challenges

Room D2 — *George Sand*



No Alternative? A Journey around the SSE Worldwide

Room G — *Flora Tristan*

12:05 pm

LUNCH — open from 11am to 3pm —

12:30 pm

12:05 pm-12:35 pm

CLOSING CEREMONY

International
conference on SSE
Research (CIRIEC)

2 pm

ROUND TABLES (to choose)			
 What does the future hold for associations? Room C1 <i>— Claude Alphandéry</i>	 Regions and territories: political and financial levers for the development of the SSE Room C2 <i>— Abdou Salam Fall</i>	 Food Social Security: a new model for tomorrow? Room D2 — George Sand	 What paths for democracy in companies? Room A — Elinor Ostrom
 Labour and employment crisis: Reconciling people, regions and economic performance is possible! Room F2 — Rosa Parks	 Major international events: how can they be leveraged to promote solidarity and sustainable transition? Room H — Marielle Franco	 [Gsef] African dynamics of the SSE in the context of Agenda 2063 and the territorialisation of the SDGs: challenges and conditions for strengthening the SSE as a lever for a just and endogenous transition Room E — Karl Polanyi	 Gender and the Social and Solidarity Economy: Towards real and inclusive equality Room B1 <i>— Christian Valadou</i>
 Innovation and social cohesion: the new challenges of living together Room B2 <i>— Danièle Demoustier</i>	 Tourism, hospitality and inclusion: towards a solidarity-based economic model rooted in local communities Room F1 — Jacques Ellul	 Digital transition and the SSE: challenges, opportunities and ethics Room D1 — Charles Gide	 The role of the SSE in the multilateralism agenda in a post-2030 vision Room G — Flora Tristan

3 pm

Themed pathways

-  **Pathway 1**
 Financing the transition: what tools can be used to support the SSE?
-  **Pathway 2**
 Taking action for 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: the SSE, a key player in the provision of social services
-  **Pathway 7**
 Inventing a desirable future: innovation, impact and new narratives

3:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION

The SSE at the heart of regional economic transitions

Plenary Room — *Jeanne Deroin*

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)



Circular economy and SSE: supporting the sustainable transition of regions

Room A — *Elinor Ostrom*



"Power to the People": Keys to Taking Back Control of Our Energy Future

Room C2
— *Abdou Salam Fall*



Green jobs, citizen expertise and territorial justice

Room B1
— *Christian Valadou*



Right to employment and local development

Room H — *Marielle Franco*



Local cooperation and collective dynamics in support of the social and solidarity economy

Room C1
— *Claude Alphandéry*



Without intermediaries, there is no representation: the vital role of intermediary bodies in the SSE

Room G — *Flora Tristan*



[Gsef] A North American dialogue on SSE development and local practices as a breeding ground for democratic renewal

Room E — *Karl Polanyi*



Solidarity grocery stores and restaurants: emergence and scaling up of an innovative model

Room D2 — *George Sand*



Young people's commitment to international causes: volunteers at the heart of the SSE

Room F2 — *Rosa Parks*



Social innovation process

Room B2
— *Danièle Demoustier*



Legitimizing through figures: how can we best manage the advantages and risks of SSE statistics?

Room D1 — *Charles Gide*

4:15 pm

Break

4:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Local SSE policies: what ambitions for scaling up?

Plenary session organized by GSEF and CIRIEC (Centre for Research and Information on Public and Social Economy) • Plenary Room — *Jeanne Deroin*

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

 Investing in the SSE: challenges and constraints Room F1 — <i>Jacques Ellul</i>	 From Donation to Reuse: Towards a Solidarity-Based and Cooperative Circular Economy? Room B1 — <i>Christian Valadou</i>	 For a just transition: deconstructing false promises, building alternatives – critical and inspiring perspectives from the Global South Room G — <i>Flora Tristan</i>	 Cooperating for the common good: corporate territorial responsibility Room A — <i>Elinor Ostrom</i>
 Strengthening young people's skills Room B2 — <i>Danièle Demoustier</i>	 SSE enterprises and job quality: better positioning for better improvement Room D2 — <i>George Sand</i>	 Cultural cooperation and plural territories: towards solidarity-based, inclusive and transnational models Room F2 — <i>Rosa Parks</i>	 Young people's involvement in the SSE – voices of young French speakers Room C1 — <i>Claude Alphandéry</i>
 Women, Power and Inclusion: Innovative Initiatives for a Transformative Social and Solidarity Economy Room C2 — <i>Abdou Salam Fall</i>	 Mutual societies and the SSE: strengthening access to healthcare, from local to global levels Room D1 — <i>Charles Gide</i>	 What does caring mean to you? Intergenerational dialogue on care networks based on solidarity economies Room E — <i>Karl Polanyi</i>	 SSE-situation: Developing a social and solidarity economy in strategic sectors Room H — <i>Marielle Franco</i>

5:30 pm

Break 

5:45 pm

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

 How to finance and support the SSE ecosystem to promote sustainable socio-economic inclusion Room C1 — <i>Claude Alphandéry</i>	 Create, cooperate, transform: towards a popular and solidarity-based ecology of waste Room B2 — <i>Danièle Demoustier</i>	 Creation of the African Observatory of the SSE: challenges and structure Room C2 — <i>Abdou Salam Fall</i>	 Municipalities and SSE: Towards cooperative and committed territories Room F1 — <i>Jacques Ellul</i>
 When public procurement becomes a driver of social and environmental innovation Room F2 — <i>Rosa Parks</i>	 The SSE at the Heart of Local Policies: Experiments, Governance and Territorial Transitions Room G — <i>Flora Tristan</i>	 The International Coalition of SSE: Stability in uncertain times : how SSE contributes to sustaining peace? Room E — <i>Karl Polanyi</i>	 SSE, solutions for the future of the press? Room A — <i>Elinor Ostrom</i>
 Alliance for the Last Days: the levers and actions of the social and solidarity economy in the service of morality Room B1 — <i>Christian Valadou</i>	 CRAFT: A European Experimentation to Improve Social Innovation Support and Policies Room D1 — <i>Charles Gide</i>	 Building a different kind of society – SSE, civic engagement and the struggle for recognition Room H — <i>Marielle Franco</i>	

6:45 pm

Thursday 30 october

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9 am

PLENARY SESSION

When a dystopia becomes reality, where does the SSE stand?

Plenary Room — Jeanne Deroin

or

ROUND TABLES



[Gsef] Continental dynamics – European Union: national SSE strategies – Supporting the development of the social economy as an engine for growth in Europe Room E — Karl Polanyi

10 am

Break 

10:15 am

PLENARY SESSION

Following the recognition of the SSE by international organizations,
it is now time for action

Plenary Room — Jeanne Deroin

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)



Financing the SSE and resilience in the current context

Room C1
— Claude Alphandéry



Role of foundations in developing the SSE in local areas (public interest organization)

Room F1 — Jacques Ellul



[Gsef] **Financing SSE worldwide: filling the gaps together**

Room E — Karl Polanyi



The (Un)finite Life of Clothes

Room F2 — Rosa Parks



The role of the SSE in the ecological transition

Room H — Marielle Franco



Social dialogue in the social and solidarity economy: a model of social innovation in Europe

Room A — Elinor Ostrom



From solitary entrepreneurship to solidarity-based entrepreneurship: which cooperative models? Comparison of French and Belgian models

Room B1
— Christian Valadou



The potential of the SSE to guarantee decent work for workers in the informal economy: progress, challenges and opportunities

Room G — Flora Tristan



Profit with purpose: unlocking value through people-centred businesses in the EU's international partnerships

Room C2
— Abdou Salam Fall



Democracy through action: commitments to cooperation

Room B2
— Danièle Demoustier



Sustainable tourism and the SSE: drivers for a local and responsible economy

Room D1 — Charles Gide



Towards a democratic and solidarity-based housing model in response to the crisis

Room D2 — George Sand

11:15 am

Break 

11:30 am

PLENARY SESSION

The future lies in the regions – testimonials from mayors and local governments #1

Plenary Room — *Jeanne Deroin*

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

 Financing the social economy: a lever for local authorities Room B1 — <i>Christian Valadou</i>	 Joint financing: a catalyst for cooperation and regional impact Room C1 — <i>Claude Alphandéry</i>	 Success factors for a just transition at the local level: similarities and differences around the world Room H — <i>Marielle Franco</i>	 SSE enterprises working towards a just ecological transition: an international comparison of challenges and practices Room E — <i>Karl Polanyi</i>
 Cooperatives, a melting pot for democratic practice among citizens Room A — <i>Elinor Ostrom</i>	 International partnerships: helping to meet today's challenges Room C2 — <i>Abdou Salam Fall</i>	 Rethinking proximity: When local solidarity improves the daily lives of residents in vulnerable areas Room B2 — <i>Danièle Demoustier</i>	 Training for transformation: what pathways, for whom, with what effects? Room D1 — <i>Charles Gide</i>
 Third places in action: what dynamics for learning and citizen empowerment Room F2 — <i>Rosa Parks</i>	 Housing & the SSE: a crisis and solutions Room F1 — <i>Jacques Ellul</i>	 Participatory research and knowledge sharing: fruitful cooperation between stakeholders and researchers Room D2 — <i>George Sand</i>	 Deep-rooted dreams, embodied utopias: the DNA of the SSE and overseas laboratories for a post-Trump future Room G — <i>Flora Tristan</i>

12:30 am

LUNCH  — open from 11am to 3pm —

13 am

GSEF Network General Assembly

! The general assembly ends at 3 pm

Themed pathways



Pathway 1

Financing the transition: what tools can be used to support the SSE?



Pathway 2

Taking action for 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: the SSE, a key player in the provision of social services



Pathway 7

Inventing a desirable future: innovation, impact and new narratives

2 pm

ROUND TABLES (to choose)			
 Aéma Group: Financing the SSE, serving life Room C1 — <i>Claude Alphandéry</i>	 Economic justice and social innovation: towards fair and resilient agricultural sectors Room A — <i>Elinor Ostrom</i>	 From land to territory: alliances to transform our food systems Room B1 — <i>Christian Valadou</i>	 Enabling What Works: The Government Playbook for Social Innovation Room E — <i>Karl Polanyi</i>
 Collectives of public actors and the SSE around new economic sectors Room F2 — <i>Rosa Parks</i>	 The SSE at the heart of North-South dynamics and migration issues Room G — <i>Flora Tristan</i>	 Queer Art as a Driver of Change in the Social and Solidarity Economy Room C2 — <i>Abdou Salam Fall</i>	 Defending associative and public freedoms: SSE structures on the front line Room D1 — <i>Charles Gide</i>
 Youth, popular education and SSE: an alliance for transition Room D2 — <i>George Sand</i>	 Young People and the Social and Solidarity Economy: Actors in the Fair Ecological Transition Room H — <i>Marielle Franco</i>	 The SSE for older people: feedback on inspiring projects Room F1 — <i>Jacques Ellul</i>	 Imagining the Future Differently – Systemic Narratives, Utopias and Transitions Room B2 — <i>Danièle Demoustier</i>

3 pm

Break 

3:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION
The future lies in the regions – testimonials from mayors and local governments #2 Plenary Room — <i>Jeanne Deroin</i>

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)			
 Strengthening social ecosystems: the role of national networks in developing and implementing national strategies Room C1 — <i>Claude Alphandéry</i>	 Developing citizen empowerment and the SSE to finance regional transitions Room C2 — <i>Abdou Salam Fall</i>	 Levers for success in local and sustainable food systems Room B2 — <i>Danièle Demoustier</i>	 Youth, entrepreneurship and agricultural resilience: new dynamics for the future Room F2 — <i>Rosa Parks</i>
 Food social security: a key element for ensuring the right to food Room E — <i>Karl Polanyi</i>	 Disability and support: the contribution of SSE Room D2 — <i>George Sand</i>	 Guaranteeing employment: contrasting perspectives on regional solidarity models Room A — <i>Elinor Ostrom</i>	 Innovating in public policy: when local authorities and the SSE work together to develop regional solutions Room F1 — <i>Jacques Ellul</i>
 Territories in Transition: Local and Municipal Policies for a Co-constructed Social and Solidarity Economy Room G — <i>Flora Tristan</i>	 The social and solidarity economy will be publicized or it will not exist! Room H — <i>Marielle Franco</i>	 Collective spaces, shared governance and local roots: drivers of social and ecological innovation Room D1 — <i>Charles Gide</i>	 Assessing social impact: why and how? Room B1 — <i>Christian Valadou</i>

4:15 pm

Break 

4:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Financing the SSE, the challenge of resources

Plenary Room — Jeanne Deroin

! Plenary session
divided into two
45-minute parts
— Ends at 6 pm

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)



**Cooperation and
Citizen Engagement:
Innovative Models for
a Social and Ecological
Transition**

Room A — Elinor Ostrom



**Nurturing Waste:
Solidarity-Based Circular
Economy Serving
Communities and Life**

Room B1 — Christian Valadou



**Taking back
control of our
territories: food
sovereignty and the SSE**

Room C1
— Claude Alphandéry



**Common
challenges, solidarity
dynamics: from
France's maritime
regions to Jamaica,
tackling the
challenges of
formlessness**

Room E — Karl Polanyi



**Socially Responsible
Public Procurement: places
and methods of cooperation
between public authorities
and SSE actors**

Room C2 — Abdou Salam Fall



**Building lasting
alliances: strategic
cooperation between
public actors and SSE
ecosystems**

Room F1 — Jacques Ellul



**A different
approach to education:
young people at
the forefront of the
transition**

Room D2 — George Sand



**SSE, a solution
for women's economic
empowerment**

Room F2 — Rosa Parks



**Gender parity in SSE
governance bodies: how
can we meet the
challenge?**

Room H — Marielle Franco



**From vacancy
to community value:
rethinking land use for a
united and sustainable
transition**

Room G — Flora Tristan



**Mapping and
territorial intelligence
for the SSE**

Room B2
— Danièle Demoustier



**When research
fuels social
innovation**

Room D1 — Charles
Gide

5:30 pm

Break

5:45 pm

ROUND TABLES (to choose)



**Renewable Energy
Communities: Data-
Driven Strategies and
Financial Solutions for a
Sustainable Future**

Room C1
— Claude Alphandéry



**Agri-food economy:
fertile societal fields
still to be cultivated**

Room H — Marielle Franco



**From Informal
Work to Decent
Work: The SSE as a
Springboard**

Room A — Elinor Ostrom



**Disability and
inclusion through
work: strengthening
independence, skills and
social recognition**

Room B2
— Danièle Demoustier



**Territories under
pressure: challenges
and governance**

Room C2
— Abdou Salam Fall



**SSE and International
Solidarity: Convergences,
Narratives and Alliances
for Solidarity Transitions**

Room G — Flora Tristan



**Networks of
local authorities
for the SSE: issues,
alliances and
 coordinations**

Room E — Karl Polanyi



**Entrepreneurship
and Women's Inclusion:
Capacity Building**

Room B1
— Christian Valadou



**Co-developing
initiatives to promote
the overall health of our
communities**

Room D1 — Charles Gide

6:45 pm

9 am

PLENARY SESSION

Decent work, a necessity for empowerment

Plenary Room — *Jeanne Deroin*

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)



Towards territorial platforms for supporting and accompanying SSE initiatives led by young people

Room E — *Karl Polanyi*



Social and Solidarity Economy: catalyst for an inclusive ecological transition

Room F2 — *Rosa Parks*



The social and solidarity economy across Europe: working together for democracy and solidarity

Room C2
— *Abdou Salam Fall*



International cooperation and multi-stakeholder advocacy for an SSE rooted in local communities

Room G — *Flora Tristan*



Strengthening the SSE through international cooperation is possible!

Room H — *Marielle Franco*



Entrepreneurship together and differently: youth cooperatives

Room C1
— *Claude Alphonse*



Guaranteeing and strengthening the right to social protection through the social and solidarity economy

Room A — *Elinor Ostrom*



Support towards decent housing

Room B2
— *Danièle Demoustier*



Who Cares? Care and mutualism as social infrastructures in the SSE

Room D1 — *Charles Gide*



Taking back control over funeral arrangements: funeral cooperatives in Quebec and France

Room D2 — *George Sand*



Evaluating without distorting: rethinking social impact in the service of meaning and the common good

Room B1
— *Christian Valadou*



Responsible and cooperative digital technology: what are the challenges for the SSE?

Room F1 — *Jacques Ellul*

10 am

Break

10:15 am

PLENARY SESSION

Could more economic democracy be the solution?

Plenary Room — *Jeanne Deroin*

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

 **Financial inclusion and female leadership: local solutions for global policies**

Room C1
— *Claude Alphandéry*

 **Cooperatives, short supply chains and diversification: strengthening local food sovereignty**

Room C2 — *Abdou Salam Fall*

 **Toolkit for a Corporate Territorial Responsibility strategy**

Room A — *Elinor Ostrom*

 **Citizen participation and territorial revitalization: towards the co-construction of public policies**

Room F1 — *Jacques Ellul*

 **Co-constructing the SSE at local and international level: exchanges of experiences between committed local authorities**

Room G — *Flora Tristan*

 **[Gsef] SSE dynamics in Asia: What strategic measures are needed to create a more vibrant ecosystem of SSE in Asia? What could be the role of the local governments in fostering the necessary change of scale?**

Room E — *Karl Polanyi*

 **What Mechanisms to Tackle Food Insecurity?**

Room B2
— *Danièle Demoustier*

 **Teaching methods of the future: educating creative, supportive and resilient young people**

Room D1 — *Charles Gide*

 **When craftsmanship and culture reinvent themselves: building community in the region**

Room D2 — *George Sand*

 **Health inequalities and access to healthcare: the responses of the SSE**

Room F2 — *Rosa Parks*

 **Social innovation and public action, levers and tensions for the SSE: international comparisons**

Room B1
— *Christian Valadou*

11:15 am

Themed pathways



Pathway 1
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Pathway 7
Inventing a desirable future: innovation, impact and new narratives

11:30 am

ROUND TABLES (to choose)			
 Changing scale: financial levers to accelerate the development of the SSE Room C2 <i>— Abdou Salam Fall</i>	 Public-private dialogues for financing the SSE: inspiring proposals Room F2 — <i>Rosa Parks</i>	 Young people facing the challenges of entrepreneurship Room A — <i>Elinor Ostrom</i>	 Management & Governance in the SSE: towards a humanistic approach to work and 'working together' Room D2 — <i>George Sand</i>
 Financing and public procurement: two major drivers for the development of the SSE Room C1 <i>— Claude Alphandéry</i>	 Building a European SSE: strategies and recognition Room G — <i>Flora Tristan</i>	 [Gsef] From the creation of RIFESS to the Paul Singer framework law in Brazil, what are the major developments in the SSE in Latin America and the Caribbean? Room E — <i>Karl Polanyi</i>	 Research as a lever for training and action in the SSE Room B1 <i>— Christian Valadou</i>
 SSE serving economic activity, supporting entrepreneurs or business sectors Room F1 — <i>Jacques Ellul</i>	 New models, new challenges: health and the SSE Room B2 <i>— Danièle Demoustier</i>	 The social and solidarity economy faces the challenge of impact: tools, stories, and realities Room D1 — <i>Charles Gide</i>	 Erasmus+ : more than just a student exchange programme, a catalyst for good practices and social innovation Room H — <i>Marielle Franco</i>

12:30 pm

LUNCH  — open from 11am to 3pm —

2 pm

PLENARY SESSION

The SSE, a vehicle for social peace
 Plenary Room — *Jeanne Deroin*

3 pm

Break 

3:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Closing plenary session
 Plenary Room — *Jeanne Deroin*

4:15 pm



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



An international organization...

The GSEF (Global Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy) is an international organization 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 stands apart from existing international SSE initiatives and networks. Its focus on the role of local governments is a clear affirmation of their crucial role in governance and in addressing the major challenges of the 21st century, whether climate change, social cohesion or inequality.

The GSEF is convinced that systemic change begins at the local level, based on a partnership between civil society and the public and private sectors, with the ambition that the SSE will scale up and become the norm for tomorrow's economy, integrating collective management of common goods. The GSEF promotes various forms of the social and solidarity economy, including social enterprises, cooperatives, foundations, mutual societies, and self-help groups, which place people before profits.

In addition to its biennial forum on the SSE, 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)**
-  **Exchange of experiences and practices**
-  **Research and publications**
-  **Creation and support of local and national SSE networks**
-  **International advocacy for the international recognition of the SSE**

The GSEF has significant capacity for convergence, through its numerous partnerships and strengthened collaborations, as well as its capacity for action.

The GSEF cooperates with international networks, which are also members. This collective action makes it possible to join forces according to priorities in order to promote the SSE and, with it, a transformation of development models.

Through its advocacy work, the GSEF has contributed significantly to the international recognition of the SSE by the most multilateral institutions, culminating in the momentum of 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 a local focus

In October 2021, the GSEF General Assembly selected Bordeaux as the location for its permanent 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 Regional Chamber of Social and Solidarity Economy Nouvelle-Aquitaine (CRESS) representing

actors and networks of actors.

The GSEF is chaired by Pierre Hurmic, Mayor of Bordeaux (deputy Bordeaux Métropole), with Stéphane Montuzet, President of CRESS NA, as co-chair. Since the establishment of continental co-chairs in 2021, the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region has held this position for Europe (deputy Gironde Departmental Council).

Key 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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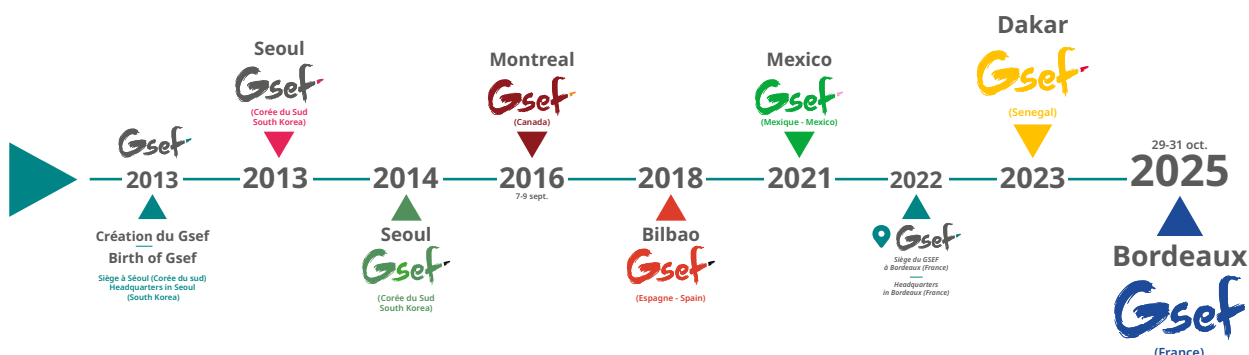


Sources: GSEF – 2023 activity report



An event: the Global SSE Forum

In 10 years, the GSEF has become a recognized global network, demonstrating its ability to mobilise a wide range of actors from all continents. This is particularly illustrated by the success of the last six editions of the GSEF Global Forums (Seoul, Montreal, Bilbao, Mexico City and Dakar). The organization of this major event is entrusted every two years to a host city by the GSEF. Bordeaux GSEF 2025 represents the 7th edition of the Global SSE Forum.



Focus on...

DakarGSEF2023

Dakar hosted the 2023 edition of the GSEF Global SSE Forum, co-organized by the City of Dakar, RACTES, the GSEF and the Senegalese Ministry of Microfinance and SSE. The event took place over six days, a first for GSEF Forum, preceded in this case by two pre-forums: the SSE youth pre-forum and the Femm'ESS pre-forum. The large number of participants demonstrated strong mobilization in Senegal and Africa. This edition concluded with the reading of the Dakar Declaration in the closing plenary session.

- 10 plenary sessions over 3 days
- More than 250 contributions
- 80 workshops and self-managed sessions
- 402 speakers from 37 countries across five continents
- 3,000 participants
- 230 national and local governments represented
- 260 cities across 60 countries and 5 continents



The Sociale and Solidarity Economy

With 200 years of history in France, the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) promotes a resilient development model based on civic vitality, where wealth creation serves the sustainability of businesses and regional development.



A model for society

The SSE provides concrete solutions at the regional level, serving the general interest and collective needs of today and tomorrow. It represents:

- empowering residents across all our territories;
- activity, local and useful jobs within companies within easy reach of where we live;
- a territorial anchor, activities and jobs that cannot be relocated;
- a plurality of actors.

At a time of major challenges, SSE actors favour a model of society and its activities based on cooperation, solidarity, consideration of environmental issues and the fair distribution of wealth.

They are working to build a model in which capital returns and consumerism are not the priority.



A range of activities and legal forms

SSE organizations have a wide variety of activities, backgrounds, sizes and projects.

Everyone collectively benefits on a daily basis from the services and products provided by the SSE sector, often without even realising it : services for individuals and businesses, medical and social services, agriculture, energy, transport, construction, industry... all human activities are represented by different structures:

- cultural and social associations;
- employee cooperatives;
- integration structures;
- mutual health and insurance companies;
- commercial enterprises;
- sports clubs;
- agricultural cooperatives;
- cooperative banks;
- medical and social foundations, etc.

The Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) is a mode of entrepreneurship and economic development that brings together organizations seeking to reconcile cooperation with economic, social and environmental performance. The Law of 31 July 2014 established a broad legal framework for these structures.

They are partnerships rather than corporations, operating collectively and democratically with a focus on the local area. They are either nonprofit organizations (under the 1901 law) or limited-profit organizations (SCIC – cooperative society of collective interest, SCOP – cooperative production society, SCESS – commercial society of the SSE, etc.).

The Nouvelle-Aquitaine Regional Chamber of Social and Solidarity Economy

is an association representing SSE organizations in the region.

In France, the 18 CRESS derive their legitimacy from the law of 31 July 2014 on the SSE, which recognizes their role and missions. They all sit on ESS France, the French Chamber of Social and Solidarity Economy.

Key figures



In the Bordeaux metropolitan area¹

- 2,900 employer establishments
- more than 42,000 employees
- more than 10% of salaried employment



In the Gironde region¹

- 5,000 employers
- more than 62,900 employees
- 9.8% of total employment



In Nouvelle-Aquitaine¹

- 19,840 employers (representing 10% of private establishments)
- 3rd region in France in terms of SSE employment volume
- 246,065 employees (16% of private sector employment)
- 1.2 million volunteers
- €6.3 billion in gross payroll



In France²

- 164,540 businesses
- 222,331 employer establishments
- 2.4 million employees, 68% of whom are women
- 14% of private sector employment
- 21 million volunteers



And in Europe?

The Social and Solidarity Economy is a European reality, representing 19.1 million jobs in the European Union (EU), or 9% of the EU's working population and 10% of European GDP, according to a report by the European Economic and Social Council. A quarter of all businesses created in Europe are SSE businesses. The potential of the sector is increasingly recognized by the various Member States, but only a few countries have a comprehensive legislative framework for the SSE (France, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Sweden).

On 27 November 2023, the Council of the European Union adopted a recommendation to guide Member States in establishing framework conditions conducive to the development of the social economy.



Around the world

Present on every continent, the SSE takes different forms depending on the culture and history of each country, and does not have institutional and political representation everywhere. However, there is a common thread of placing the economy in a local context, as a means to serve development that is truly focused on the inhabitants and not as an end in itself.

Many countries around the world have recently adopted legislative frameworks or support policies for the SSE, or are in the process of doing so.

The year 2023 is very important in terms of international recognition of the SSE, with the adoption on 18 April by the United Nations General Assembly of the resolution «Promoting the Social and Solidarity Economy for Sustainable Development». It provides an official definition of the SSE and recognizes that it can contribute to the achievement and localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals. This recognition follows the adoption in 2022 by the International Labour Conference of the Resolution concerning decent work and the SSE, and the OECD Council's recommendation on the Social and Solidarity Economy and social innovation in the same year.

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1- Source CRESS NA

2- Source ESS France



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