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From 29 to 31 October 2025, the 7th Global Social Solidarity Economy Forum will be held for the first time in France, in Bordeaux, following on from the previous editions in Seoul, Montreal, Bilbao, Mexico City and Dakar. A major biennial international event, it brings together all the players in the Social and Solidarity Economy ecosystem and opens the doors to a variety of themes linked to the major societal issues and the values of the SSE.



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

In brief:

-  **13 plenary** political and thematic 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 workshops and closing ceremony – CIRIEC International Conference on SSE Research



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
	Inaugural lecture Ms Pavlina Tcherneva	
	Break	
11:05 am	Government initiatives promoting the SSE	Round tables
12:05 pm		12:05-12:35pm CIRIEC closing ceremony
	12:30 pm - 2 pm Launch (open until 3pm)	
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?	
	Break	
	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 Launch (open until 3pm)	
	Round tables	13 pm-15 pm GSEF AG
	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

9 am	Decent work, a necessity for empowerment	Round tables
	Break	
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3 pm	Closing plenary session	
4:15 pm		

●● Plenary sessions

Wednesday 29 october

9 am	PLENARY SESSION			CIRIEC WORKSHOPS
	Opening plenary session Plenary Room			
10:15 am				
10:20 am	Inaugural lecture by Ms Pavlina Tcherneva, american economist			
10:50 am				
	Break ☕			
11:05 am	PLENARY SESSION			
	Government initiatives promoting the SSE Plenary Room			
	or			
	ROUND TABLES (to choose)			
	 How can synergies be created to finance the transition in a different way?	 Changing scale to transform society: cooperation, financing and dissemination of high-impact SSE solutions	 Building sustainable and supportive food systems together	 From local resources to sustainable transport: innovating for an ecological and socially responsible transition
	 Training, repairing, cultivating, consulting: unexpected levers for initiating a fair, ecological and solidarity-based transition	 Social and solidarity economy: a lever for the socio-ecological transition of the industrial world	 Culture and change in local public action	 Social and environmental innovation clusters: Spreading a model that supports resilient regions
	 From inspiration to action: fostering youth engagement	 Rethinking housing in the face of new challenges	 No Alternative? A Journey around the SSE Worldwide	
12:05 pm				CLOSING CEREMONY International conference on SSE Research (CIRIEC) 12:05 pm-12:35 pm
	LAUNCH ☞ — open until 3pm —			
12:30 pm				

2 pm

ROUND TABLES (to choose)			
 What does the future hold for associations?	 Regions and territories: political and financial levers for the development of the SSE	 Food Social Security: a new model for tomorrow?	 What paths for democracy in companies?
 Labour and employment crisis: Reconciling people, regions and economic performance is possible!	 Major international events: how can they be leveraged to promote solidarity and sustainable transition?	 [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	 Gender and the Social and Solidarity Economy: Towards real and inclusive equality
 Innovation and social cohesion: the new challenges of living together	 Tourism, hospitality and inclusion: towards a solidarity-based economic model rooted in local communities	 Digital transition and the SSE: challenges, opportunities and ethics	 The role of the SSE in the multilateralism agenda in a post-2030 vision

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

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

 Responding differently: towards digital and inclusive financing models for the social and solidarity economy	 Circular economy and SSE: supporting the sustainable transition of regions	 "Power to the People": Keys to Taking Back Control of Our Energy Future	 Green jobs, citizen expertise and territorial justice
 Right to employment and local development	 Local cooperation and collective dynamics in support of the social and solidarity economy	 Without intermediaries, there is no representation: the vital role of intermediary bodies in the SSE	 [Gsef] A North American dialogue on SSE development and local practices as a breeding ground for democratic renewal
 Solidarity grocery stores and restaurants: emergence and scaling up of an innovative model	 Young people's commitment to international causes: volunteers at the heart of the SSE	 Social innovation process	 Legitimizing through figures: how can we best manage the advantages and risks of SSE statistics?

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

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

 Investing in the SSE: challenges and constraints	 From Donation to Reuse: Towards a Solidarity-Based and Cooperative Circular Economy?	 For a just transition: deconstructing false promises, building alternatives – critical and inspiring perspectives from the Global South	 Cooperating for the common good: corporate territorial responsibility
 Strengthening young people's skills	 SSE enterprises and job quality: better positioning for better improvement	 Cultural cooperation and plural territories: towards solidarity-based, inclusive and transnational models	 Young people's involvement in the SSE – voices of young French speakers
 Women, Power and Inclusion: Innovative Initiatives for a Transformative Social and Solidarity Economy	 Mutual societies and the SSE: strengthening access to healthcare, from local to global levels	 What does caring mean to you? Intergenerational dialogue on care networks based on solidarity economies	 SSE-situation: Developing a social and solidarity economy in strategic sectors

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	 Create, cooperate, transform: towards a popular and solidarity-based ecology of waste	 Creation of the African Observatory of the SSE: challenges and structure	 Municipalities and SSE: Towards cooperative and committed territories
 When public procurement becomes a driver of social and environmental innovation	 The SSE at the Heart of Local Policies: Experiments, Governance and Territorial Transitions	 The International Coalition of SSE: Stability in uncertain times : how SSE contributes to sustaining peace?	 SSE, solutions for the future of the press?
 Alliance for the Last Days: the levers and actions of the social and solidarity economy in the service of morality	 CRAFT: A European Experimentation to Improve Social Innovation Support and Policies	 Building a different kind of society – SSE, civic engagement and the struggle for recognition	

6:45 pm

Thursday 30 october

9 am

PLENARY SESSION

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

Plenary Room

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

10 am

Break

10:15 am

PLENARY SESSION

Following the recognition of the SSE by international organizations,
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Plenary Room

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ROUND TABLES (to choose)



Financing the SSE
and resilience in the
current context



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



[Gsef] Financing
SSE worldwide: filling
the gaps together



The (Un)finite
Life of Clothes



The role of the
SSE in the ecological
transition



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



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



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



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



Democracy
through action:
commitments to
cooperation



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



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

11:15 am

Break

11:30 am

PLENARY SESSION

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

Plenary Room

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

 Financing the social economy: a lever for local authorities	 Joint financing: a catalyst for cooperation and regional impact	 Success factors for a just transition at the local level: similarities and differences around the world	 SSE enterprises working towards a just ecological transition: an international comparison of challenges and practices
 Cooperatives, a melting pot for democratic practice among citizens	 International partnerships: helping to meet today's challenges	 Rethinking proximity: When local solidarity improves the daily lives of residents in vulnerable areas	 Training for transformation: what pathways, for whom, with what effects?
 Third places in action: what dynamics for learning and citizen empowerment	 Housing & the SSE: a crisis and solutions	 Participatory research and knowledge sharing: fruitful cooperation between stakeholders and researchers	 Deep-rooted dreams, embodied utopias: the DNA of the SSE and overseas laboratories for a post-Trump future

12:30 am

LAUNCH  — open until 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
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Pathway 3
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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	 Economic justice and social innovation: towards fair and resilient agricultural sectors	 From land to territory: alliances to transform our food systems	 Enabling What Works: The Government Playbook for Social Innovation
 Collectives of public actors and the SSE around new economic sectors	 The SSE at the heart of North-South dynamics and migration issues	 Queer Art as a Driver of Change in the Social and Solidarity Economy	 How is the social and solidarity economy organizing itself in the face of repeated attacks on civil liberties and freedom of association?
 Youth, popular education and SSE: an alliance for transition	 Young People and the Social and Solidarity Economy: Actors in the Fair Ecological Transition	 The SSE for older people: feedback on inspiring projects	 Imagining the Future Differently – Narratives, Utopias and Systemic Transitions

3 pm

Break 

3:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION
The future lies in the regions – testimonials from mayors and local governments #2 Plenary Room

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)			
 Strengthening social ecosystems: the role of national networks in developing and implementing national strategies	 Developing citizen empowerment and the SSE to finance regional transitions	 Levers for success in local and sustainable food systems	 Youth, entrepreneurship and agricultural resilience: new dynamics for the future
 Food social security: a key element for ensuring the right to food	 Disability and support: the contribution of SSE	 Guaranteeing employment: contrasting perspectives on regional solidarity models	 Innovating in public policy: when local authorities and the SSE work together to develop regional solutions
 Territories in Transition: Local and Municipal Policies for a Co-constructed Social and Solidarity Economy	 The social and solidarity economy will be publicized or it will not exist!	 Collective spaces, shared governance and local roots: drivers of social and ecological innovation	 Assessing social impact: why and how?

4:15 pm

Break 

4:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Financing the SSE, the challenge of resources

Plenary Room

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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 **Mapping and territorial intelligence for the SSE**

 **When research fuels social innovation**

5:30 pm

Break 

5:45 pm

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

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

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

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

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

 **Territories under pressure: challenges and governance**

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

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

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

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

6:45 pm

Friday 31th october

9 am

PLENARY SESSION

Decent work, a necessity for empowerment

Plenary Room

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)



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



Social and Solidarity Economy: catalyst for an inclusive ecological transition



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



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



Strengthening the SSE through international cooperation is possible!



Entrepreneurship together and differently: youth cooperatives



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



Support towards decent housing



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



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



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



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

10 am

Break



10:15 am

PLENARY SESSION

Could more economic democracy be the solution?

Plenary Room

or

ROUND TABLES (to choose)

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

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

 **Toolkit for a Corporate Territorial Responsibility strategy**

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

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

 **[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?**

 **What Mechanisms to Tackle Food Insecurity?**

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

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

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

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

11:15 am

Themed pathways



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Pathway 7
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11:30 am

ROUND TABLES (to choose)			
 Changing scale: financial levers to accelerate the development of the SSE	 Public-private dialogues for financing the SSE: inspiring proposals	 Young people facing the challenges of entrepreneurship	 Management & Governance in the SSE: towards a humanistic approach to work and 'working together'
 Financing and public procurement: two major drivers for the development of the SSE	 Building a European SSE: strategies and recognition	 [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?	 Research as a lever for training and action in the SSE
 SSE serving economic activity, supporting entrepreneurs or business sectors	 New models, new challenges: health and the SSE	 The social and solidarity economy faces the challenge of impact: tools, stories, and realities	 Erasmus+ : more than just a student exchange programme, a catalyst for good practices and social innovation

12:30 pm

LAUNCH  — open until 3pm —

2 pm

PLENARY SESSION

The SSE, a vehicle for social peace
Plenary Room

3 pm

Break 

3:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Closing plenary session
Plenary Room

4:15 pm

Plenary sessions

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

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.

Speeches by:

- **Pierre Hurmic**, Mayor of Bordeaux and President of the GSEF
- **Alain Rousset**, President of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Regional Council
- **Jean-Luc Gleyze**, President of the Gironde Department
- **Christine Bost**, President of Bordeaux Métropole

Messages from...

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

With:

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

Round table moderated by:

- **Stéphane Pfeiffer**, Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux in charge of the social and solidarity economy

The Bordeaux Opera Choir conducted by Salvatore Caputo, closes the plenary session by performing several well-known pieces and inviting participants to join in for a final song.

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:

- **Mr Gilberto Carvalho**, National Secretary for the Popular and Solidarity Economy in the Government, Brazil (attendance to be confirmed)
- **Dr Alioune Dione**, Minister of Microfinance and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Senegal
- **Ms Lamia Kamal-Chaoui**, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities at the OECD (attendance to be confirmed)

Moderation:

- in progress



The SSE at the heart of regional economic transitions

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

- **Mr Denis Stokkink**, Economist

Local SSE policies: what ambitions for scaling up?

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.

- **Ms Maria Josefina «Joy» Belmonte**, Mayor of Quezon, Philippines
- **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
- **Ms Nathalie Tubiana**, Director of Finance and Sustainable Policy at Caisse des Dépôts, France

- **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 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 Sébastien Vauzelle**, Head of the Local2030 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 robust local responses to societal and environmental challenges. The GSEF network, founded in 2013, emphasises the role of 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, accompanied by a renewal of democratic processes and the need for ongoing dialogue. They will offer an overview of initiatives and experiences from around the world, providing inspiration for other elected officials and actors in the SSE.

Panelists for part 1:

- **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 Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General of UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments)
- **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'Épargne Aquitaine Poitou Charentes
- **Mr Jean-François Fanti**, Head of Corporate Markets and Social Economy at Caisse d'Épargne Aquitaine Poitou Charentes, France
- **Mr Christophe Genter**, Director of the Social and Territorial Cohesion Department (Territorial Bank, Investment Division), France (attendance to be confirmed)

- **Mr Aly Rahim**, Head of the Alliance for Civil Society and Social Innovation (CIVIC) at the World Bank
- **Mr Rémi Rioux**, Director General of the French Development Agency (AFD)
- **Mr Sidi Ould Tah**, President of the African Development Bank (subject to another representative)

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 31th 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 Youssef 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 re-embed democracy in the 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 VvV 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 enabled by SSE tools to pacify social relations and avoid conflicts, as well as the links with 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



Pathway 1

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

📅 Wednesday 29 october

- How can synergies be created to finance the transition in a different way?
- Changing scale to transform society: cooperation, financing and dissemination of high-impact SSE solutions
- What does the future hold for associations?
- Regions and territories: political and financial levers for the development of the SSE
- Responding differently: towards digital and inclusive financing models for the social and solidarity economy
- Investing in the SSE: challenges and constraints

- How to finance and support the SSE ecosystem to promote sustainable socio-economic inclusion

📅 Thursday 30 october

- Financing the SSE and resilience in the current context
- Role of foundations in developing the SSE in local areas (public interest organization)
- (GSEF) Financing SSE worldwide: filling the gaps together
- Financing the social economy: a lever for local authorities
- Joint financing: a catalyst for cooperation and regional impact
- Aéma Group: Financing the SSE, serving life

- Strengthening social ecosystems: the role of national networks in developing and implementing national strategies

- Developing citizen empowerment and the SSE to finance regional transitions

📅 Friday 31th october

- Towards regional platforms to support and assist SSE initiatives led by young people
- Changing scale: financial levers to accelerate the development of the SSE
- Financial inclusion and female leadership: local solutions for global policies
- Public-private dialogues for financing the SSE: inspiring proposals



Pathway 2

Taking action for ecological transition: energy, food, waste

📅 Wednesday 29 october

- Building sustainable and supportive food systems together
- From local resources to sustainable transport: innovating for an ecological and inclusive transition
- Training, repairing, cultivating, consulting: unexpected levers for initiating a fair, ecological and solidarity-based transition
- Food Social Security: a new model for tomorrow?
- Circular economy and SSE: supporting the sustainable transition of regions
- «Power to the people»: Keys to success in taking back control of our energy future
- From donation to reuse: towards a solidarity-based and cooperative circular economy?

- For a just transition: deconstructing false promises, building alternatives – critical and inspiring perspectives from the Global South
- Create, cooperate, transform: towards a popular and solidarity-based ecology of waste

📅 Thursday 30 october

- The (in)finite life of clothes
- The role of the SSE in the ecological transition
- Success factors for a just transition at the local level: similarities and differences around the world
- Economic justice and social innovation: towards fair and resilient agricultural sectors
- From land to territory: alliances to transform our food systems

- Levers for success in local and sustainable food systems
- Youth, entrepreneurship and agricultural resilience: new dynamics for the future
- SSE enterprises working towards a just ecological transition: an international comparison of challenges and practices
- Food social security: a key element in ensuring the right to food
- Cooperation and citizen engagement: innovative models for a social and ecological transition
- Nurturing waste: solidarity-based circular economy serving communities and life
- Taking back control over our territories: food sovereignty and the SSE
- Renewable energy communities: data-driven strategies and financial solutions for a sustainable future

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

Friday 31th october

- Social and Solidarity Economy: catalyst for an inclusive ecological transition

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



Pathway 3

Developing decent employment: work, democracy and inclusion

Wednesday 29 october

- Social and solidarity economy: a lever for the socio-ecological transition of the industrial world
- What paths for democracy in companies?
- Labour and employment crisis: Reconciling people, regions and economic performance is possible!
- Green jobs, citizen expertise and territorial justice
- Right to employment and local development
- Cooperating for the common good: corporate territorial responsibility
- Strengthening young people's skills
- SSE enterprises and job quality: better positioning for better improvement

Thursday 30 october

- Social dialogue in the social and solidarity economy: a model of social innovation in Europe
- From solitary entrepreneurship to solidarity-based entrepreneurship: which cooperative models? Comparison of French and Belgian models
- The potential of the SSE to guarantee decent work for workers in the informal economy: progress, challenges and opportunities
- Cooperatives, a melting pot for democratic practice among citizens
- Disability and support: the contribution of the SSE
- Guaranteeing employment: contrasting perspectives on regional solidarity models

- Common challenges, solidarity dynamics: from France's maritime regions to Jamaica, tackling the challenges of formlessness
- From Informal Work to Decent Work: The SSE as a Springboard
- Disability and inclusion through work: strengthening independence, skills and social recognition

Friday 31th october

- Young people facing the challenges of entrepreneurship
- Management & Governance in the SSE: towards a humanistic approach to work and 'working together'



Pathway 4

Working together: cooperation, territories and public action

Wednesday 29 october

- Culture and change in local public action
- Social and environmental innovation clusters: Spreading a model that supports resilient regions
- Major international events: how can they be leveraged to promote solidarity and sustainable transition?
- (GSEF) African dynamics of the SSE in the context of Agenda 2030 and the territorialisation of the SDGs: challenges and conditions for strengthening the social and solidarity economy as a lever for a just and endogenous transition

- Local cooperation and collective dynamics in the service of the social and solidarity economy
- (GSEF) A North American dialogue on the development of the SSE and local practices as fertile ground for democratic renewal
- Cultural cooperation and plural territories: towards solidarity-based, inclusive and transnational models
- Without intermediaries, there is no representation: the vital role of intermediary bodies in the SSE
- Creation of the African SSE Observatory: challenges and structure

- Municipalities and the SSE: towards cooperative and committed territories
- When public procurement becomes a driver of social and environmental innovation
- The SSE at the heart of local policies: experiments, governance and territorial transitions
- The International SSE Coalition: Stability in uncertain times : how SSE contributes to sustaining peace?

📅 Thursday 30 october

- (GSEF) Continental dynamics – European Union: national SSE strategies – Supporting the development of the social economy as an engine for growth in Europe
- Profit for a cause: creating value through people-centred businesses in the context of the European Union's international partnerships
- International partnerships: helping to meet today's challenges
- Collectives of public actors and the SSE around new economic sectors
- Enabling what works: the government playbook for social innovation
- The SSE at the heart of North-South dynamics and migration issues
- Innovating in public policy: when local authorities and the SSE work together to develop regional solutions
- Territories in Transition: Local and Municipal Policies for a Co-constructed Social and Solidarity Economy

- Socially responsible public procurement: places and methods for cooperation between public authorities and SSE actors
- Building lasting alliances: strategic cooperation between public actors and SSE ecosystems
- Territories under pressure: challenges and governance
- SSE and International Solidarity: Convergences, Narratives and Alliances for Solidarity Transitions
- Networking of local authority for the SSE: issues, alliances and coordinations

📅 Friday 31th october

- The social and solidarity economy across the EU work together for democracy and solidarity
- International cooperation and multi-stakeholder advocacy for a SSE rooted in local communities
- Strengthening the SSE through international cooperation is possible!

- (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?
- Citizen participation and regional revitalization: towards the co-construction of public policies
- Co-constructing the SSE at local and international level: exchanges of experiences between committed local authorities
- Financing and public procurement: two major drivers for the development of the SSE
- Building a European SSE: strategies and recognition
- Toolkit for a Corporate Territorial Responsibility strategy
- (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?



Pathway 5

Developing the power to act: autonomy for all

📅 Wednesday 29 october

- From inspiration to action: fostering youth engagement
- Solidarity grocery stores and restaurants: emergence and scaling up of an innovative model
- Young people's commitment to international causes: volunteers at the heart of the SSE
- Young people's involvement in the SSE – voices of young French speakers
- Women, power and inclusion: innovative initiatives for a transformative SSE
- SSE, solutions for the future of the press?
- Gender and the Social and Solidarity Economy: Towards real and inclusive equality
- Innovation and social cohesion: the new challenges of living together

📅 Thursday 30 october

- Democracy through action: commitments to cooperation
- Rethinking proximity: When local solidarity improves the daily lives of residents in vulnerable areas
- Training for transformation: what courses, for whom, with what effects?
- Third places in action: what dynamics for learning and citizen empowerment
- Queer art as a driver of change in the social and solidarity economy
- How is the social and solidarity economy organizing itself in the face of repeated attacks on civil liberties and freedom of association?
- Youth, popular education and the SSE: an alliance for transition
- Young People and the Social and Solidarity Economy: Agents of Fair Ecological Transition
- The social and solidarity economy will be publicized or it will not exist!

- A different approach to education: young people at the forefront of the transition
- SSE, a solution for women's economic empowerment
- Gender parity in SSE governance bodies: how can we meet the challenge?
- Entrepreneurship and Women's Inclusion: Capacity Building

📅 Friday 31th october

- Entrepreneurship together and differently: youth cooperatives
- What mechanisms to tackle food insecurity?
- Teaching methods of the future: educating creative, supportive and resilient young people
- When craftsmanship and culture reinvent themselves: building community in the region
- Research as a lever for training and action in the SSE
- SSE serving economic activity, supporting entrepreneurs or business sectors



Pathway 6

Caring: the SSE, a key player in the provision of social services

Wednesday 29 october

- Rethinking housing in the face of new challenges
- Tourism, hospitality and inclusion: towards a solidarity-based economic model rooted in local communities
- Mutual societies and the SSE: strengthening access to healthcare, from local to global levels
- What does caring mean to you? Intergenerational dialogue on care networks based on solidarity economies
- Alliance for the Last Days: the levers and actions of the social and solidarity economy in the service of morality

Thursday 30 october

- Sustainable tourism and the SSE: drivers for a local and responsible economy
- Towards a democratic and solidarity-based housing model in response to the crisis
- Housing & the SSE: a crisis and solutions
- The SSE for older people: feedback on inspiring projects
- Collective spaces, shared governance and local roots: drivers of social and ecological innovation
- From vacancy to community value: transforming land use in the service of solidarity and sustainability
- Co-developing initiatives to promote the overall health of our communities

Friday 31 october

- Guaranteeing and strengthening the right to social protection through the social and solidarity economy
- Support towards decent housing
- Who cares? Care and mutualism as social infrastructures of the SSE
- Taking back control over funeral arrangements: funeral cooperatives in Quebec and France
- Health inequalities and access to healthcare: responses from the SSE
- New models, new challenges: health and the SSE



Pathway 7

Inventing a desirable future: innovation, impact and new narratives

Wednesday 29 october

- No alternative? A journey around the SSE worldwide
- Digital transition and the SSE: challenges, opportunities and ethics
- The role of the SSE in the multilateralism agenda in a post-2030 vision
- Social innovation process
- Legitimizing through figures: how can we best manage the advantages and risks of SSE statistics?
- SSE-sitation: Developing a social and solidarity economy in strategic sectors
- CRAFT: a European experiment to improve social innovation support and policies
- Building a different kind of society – the SSE, civic engagement and the struggle for recognition

Thursday 30 october

- Participatory research and knowledge sharing: fruitful cooperation between stakeholders and researchers
- Deep-rooted dreams, embodied utopias: the DNA of the SSE and overseas laboratories for a post-Trump future
- Imagining a future differently – Narratives, utopias and systematic transitions
- Assessing social impact: why and how?
- Mapping and territorial intelligence for the SSE
- When research fuels social innovation

Friday 31 october

- Evaluating without distorting: rethinking social impact in the service of meaning and the common good
- Responsible and cooperative digital technology: what are the challenges for the SSE?
- The social and solidarity economy faces the challenge of impact: tools, stories and realities
- Social innovation and public action, levers and tensions for the SSE: international comparisons
- Erasmus+: more than just a student exchange programme, a catalyst for good practices and social innovation



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