

WEBINAR

THE SSE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL: CHALLENGES AND POTENTIALITIES IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT.

13th December 2023. 16h CET



Information and registration:

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PROGRAMME

13.12.23

16.00. Registration and welcome.

16.05h. Event opening.

- Georgia Karavangeli. Counselor of International Relations at REAS - Red de Redes de Economía Alternativa y Solidaria and co-coordinator international working group.

16.10h. The SSE at international level.

- Simel Esim. ILO's (International Labour Organization) portfolio on cooperatives and the wider social and solidarity economy (SSE)
- Judith Hitchesman. Co-coordinator of the intercontinental Social and Solidarity Economy network (RIPESS).
- Ana María Condor Fernández. Member of the regional board of directors of Ripess LATAM.
- Marwane EL HALAISSI. Coordinator of the Regional Hub of Marrakesh-Safi for Moroccan Network of SSE.
- Víctor Meseguer. Special Commissioner for Social Economy. Ministry of Labour and Social Economy.

17.10h. Discussion space with participants from the public.

17.30h. Closing Session

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The Confederal Network is made up of 15 territorial networks and 4 sectoral networks that bring together more than 1,000 organisations and companies. Currently more than 50,000 workers and volunteers are involved.

In more than 25 years of existence, since its constitution in 1995, it has sought to strengthen the Social and Solidarity Economy movement throughout Spain, deepening its capacity as a subject of social transformation based on the values and practices set out in the Charter of Principles of the Solidarity Economy. REAS Red de Redes works from a threefold perspective: as a critical economy approach, as a set of alternative economy practices and as a movement that seeks social transformation.

At the international level, it is part of RIPESSE Europe and has developed an International Strategy to deploy its actions in this field.

PONENTES



Georgia Karavangeli

Director and coordinator of the Mediterranean cooperation project MedTOWN. She has been working in ACP (Assembly of Cooperation for the Peace) since 2019, when she moved from Greece to Spain. In 2020 she was elected Counselor of International Relations at REAS, the Spanish Network of Alternative and Solidarity Economy. With a strong academic background in the field of international relations, economic and regional development, Georgia is an expert working on European cooperation projects, coordinating multi-stakeholder projects in several countries. As a consultant in networking and alternative economy development, she has been involved in cooperation and research projects on the Social and Solidarity Economy.



Simel Esim

Leader of ILO's portfolio on cooperatives and the wider Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) since 2012, when she became the first woman to be appointed as the head of the ILO's Cooperatives Unit (COOP) since 1920. In 2022, she served as lead technical expert for the ILO's Office report on decent work and the SSE. Previously, she led ILO Regional Office for Arab States' portfolio on gender equality and women workers rights.

She holds a PhD in Economics from the American University in Washington, DC, an MA in International Economics and Middle East Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna, Italy and Washington, DC, and a BA in Political Science from the Boğaziçi University in Istanbul.



Judith Hitchensman

Irishwoman with 50 years international experience in interpersonal communication training and participatory management, specialising in managing cultural differences within international networks of sustainable local development as well as advocacy in global policy processes. Over the last 25 years she has focused on working as a food sovereignty activist, and is a former president of Urgenci.

She has held the mandate as Consumer Constituency representative in the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism of the UN Committee for World Food Security and Nutrition. She currently represents Urgenci as a Board Member and joint co-coordinator of the intercontinental Social and Solidarity Economy network (RIPESS). She has also been deeply involved in the advocacy in the lead up to the adoption of the UN Resolution on Social and Solidarity Economy.



Ana María Condor Fernández

Member of the regional board of directors of Ripess LAC, president of the Movement of Social and Solidarity Economy and Fair Trade of Bolivia. She is also president of the UÑATATAWI FOUNDATION (FUNDAWI) and founding member of the Industrial and Agricultural Cooperatives Center, El Ceibo. She is a member of the Association of Ecological Producers' Organisations of Bolivia and author of the book "Despertar" which talks about rural women and migration to the cities. She is a defender of peasant rights, producer and exporter of organic cocoa and founder of the social enterprise JATANI, which produces aromatic and medicinal herbs.



Marwane El Halaissi

PHD in economics and management, consultant and trainer in entrepreneurship and territorial development, Specialist in Social Solidarity Economy and Social Entrepreneurship, Lecturer at Cadi Ayyad University, Columnist. Coordinator of the Regional Hub of Marrakesh-Safi for Moroccan Network of SSE, Morocco



Víctor Meseguer

Graduate in Political Science and Administration from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, and Master in Corporate Social Responsibility from the University of Murcia and in Interdisciplinary Studies of the European Union from the Institut d'Études Européennes of the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Between 2012 and 2013 he was a volunteer at the CEPAIM Foundation. Among other tasks, he works on the identification of national and EU projects to support the integration of migrants and refugees.

From January to July 2014, he worked as a trainee assistant to Counselor Mágreb-Máshreq at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU in Brussels. Since 2015, he has held the post of Director of Social Economy Europe (SEE) in Brussels, and has been a member of the European Commission's Expert Group on Social Economy.