**EFSSE 2nd Preparatory Meeting 30.11.2015**

**Minutes**

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Juan Peris presented:

Methodology of the workshop / Budget constraints / Room availabilities / Website efsse.org

Need for Save the Date with draft program & Contact Commissioners in relevant DGs

**Conclusions of 1st Preparatory Workshop**

**Objectives of EFSSE**

1. SOCIAL ADVOCACY AND POLITICAL LOBBYING

2. DEBATE ON CONCEPTUAL ASPECTS

3. SSE PROMOTION AND EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTISES

**Areas of Interest**

1. Ethical Finance and Economy

2. Tools for social Impact measurement

3. Tools and Dynamics for exchanging experiences and best practises

4. SSE and technological innovation

5. SSE and Social inclusion

6. SSE and education and training

7. Social innovation and democratic management of SSE enterprises (workers' status)

8. SSE and common goods management

**SPANISH National Workshop**

Date: 30 October 2015, Madrid

Participants: CEIPES/REAS/Economists without borders etc.

Proposed Objectives of EFSSE:

Space for exchange of actors with the aim to strengthen the ecosystem

Space for lobbying with MEPs and political groups

Visibility of the economic contribution on SSE actors

* Necessary participation of other institutions, journalists etc.

Proposed Event Format:

1,5 day event

1st Day:

* Opening Round Table – Challenges and how to solve them, political groups should be present
* Thematic Panels (to be commonly discussed)
* Closing Panel – Produce a *Declaration of recommendations*, *position paper*

2nd Day:

* Multispace Forum with simultaneous workshops and roundtables

General comments:

Space for lobbying with parliamentary groups

Space for meetings with networks

All languages should be covered

**FRENCH National Workshop**

Date: 10 November 2015, Paris

Participants: 15 people invited – 12 attended – Wide political Spectrum - organisations (Rencontre Sociales, CIRIEC France), journalists (Alternative Economie, Regard), co-operatives and political groups (PCF, Front de Gauche).

Content:

* *Clarification of concepts of SSE* and Social Business/Entrepreneurship programme of the EC

(which goals are different and which are common)

* Reaffirmation that social activities are based on SSE not on social business
* Definition of *political nature of SSE*
* Information on relevant *legislation*

General Comments:

* Current timing is important / various relevant events happening around Europe
* Maybe a different title, better describing the objective
* Enhance the Visibility of the sector, through alliances with movements with common goals to develop alternative proposals and achieve social transformation
* Follow up of the EFSSE, very important

**ITALIAN National Workshop**

Date: 28th of November

Participants: 38 people from local associations / No political movement representatives / Meeting each other for the first time in Italy, as collaborators

General Comments:

Human rights should be mainstreamed in all the topics, it's a transversal matter that Italians want to carry on and want to improve through SSE.

Content:

5 topics

1. Environment and Agriculture

2. Welfare and Integration

3. Collaborative Spaces and Employment

4. Housing Emergency

5. Culture of Finance

Notion of Community Enterprise:

What is the community enterprise/ open co-operative?

The Social Community has to be recognized as actor of SSE. Citizens, who want to find a solution to a common mater, should be able to go and meet a community enterprise which will help them in achieving their social goal/ which can bring profit also to other people. How to generate social added value/open cooperative/collaborative governance (author: Michael Bowens)

**GREEK National Workshop**

Date: 28 November 2015

Participants: 29 people mainly from cooperative and solidarity networks

Plenary Sessions:

* Conceptual Challenges (incl. Informal structures eg. timebanks, social clinics)
* Political framework (a Clear strategic direction for GUE on promotion of social economy)

Workshops:

1. Support centers / Legislative/institutional changes (common education tools, Horizontal Governance and cooperation / Specialized researches on European level / Interaction with Universities / Promote changes in legislation, bureaucratic issues)
2. Network on a European level, EFSSE could be first step
3. Social Innovation, how the SSE is utilized (private sector or common good)
4. Investment tools (banks, microfinance, cooperative credit systems)
5. Open dialogue with MEPs, create open platform of communication
6. Action plan for the promotion and development of SSE (construction, energy, environment, ICT etc)
7. Housing – collaborative stay
8. TTIP

**IRISH National Workshop**

Date: 13th of November 2015

Participants: 12 people

Contents:

* Conceptual Framework and definition
* Best Practices
* Government support
* Raising Awareness of SSE value
* Initiative of European year of SSE ???
* Written Declaration on 2018
* Financing and resourses

A Manifesto should include:

Opening statement of intent

Institutional change required

Promotion of existing alternatives

Legislative change (problems like number of members to set a cooperative)

Capacity building approach/public education

General Comments:

Interest for exhibitions to Brussels

Wish to set up a meeting of Irish groups

An irish energy cooperative offered to do workshop

**PORTUGUESE National Workshop**

Date: 21 November 2015

Participants: 8 people Representatives of principal networks of SSE (Ripess, ANIMA, Portuguese NGO Platform)

General Comments:

Engage politicians at national and European level

Tackle prejudice people may have concerning the SSE in general.

Recognize the diversity of actors which are currently engaged in SSE. They have out lighted that European funds are mainly used in accordance to national government willingness and if they are in line with them.

A document should follow the EFSSE, which will be signed by all the MEPS and networks involved.

Dialogue with SSE actors and GUE BUT without being dominated by the left

Social and political crisis in Portugal – field for SSE to develop

Conceptual framework eg. catholic church included?

Last government created a legal framework. Favorisation of organisations that are linked with government and creating difficulties to independent ones.

Diversity in themes and natures of Portuguese delegation

Social impact measurement mechanisms needed

Exchange of good practices.

Workshops:

* Local autonomy and development
* Environment and sustainability
* Local Power, Governance and SSE
* Legal Frameworks (European, national, regional, local) SSE

Speakers Proposals:

Jean-louise laville

Thierry Jeantet

Bob Jessop

Rogerio Roque Amaro

Pedro Hespanha

New meeting: 9th January

**GERMAN National Workshop**

(Not yet organized)

**EUROPEAN NETWORKS' COMMENTS**

**CECOP - Diana**

* Link the themes with the wider european agenda (migrants, needs of community, new types of employment –coworking spaces etc.)
* A challenge in one country can already be resolved in another.
* Things not often heard / How SSE works/democratic ownership/capital accumulation/workers cooperatives (addressed in conceptual parts)

**ENSIE - Aurelie**

* Follow the EC’s agenda
* Good practices
	+ (eg directive on public procurement)

**REVES - Erdmuthe**

* Co-develop policies and strategies/ Mutualisation process
* Pressure on member states, not focusing only on EC/Presidencies

**Thierry**

* Representative of Commission in Mont-blanc – MS without legislation ask from the commission to give them info on existing laws in other MS
* Proposal: EU law on social and solidarity economy
* Slovakia Presidency will probably develop the existing framework

Communication on Circular economy – done

Communication on Collaborative Economy – expected

For us it is not a technical question/how to produce in alternative ways

The opening panel is important, it will give the direction of our approach

The person giving the conclusion of first panel will have to give the direction

**Alessandro**

Mainstreaming Social and solidarity economy in MEPs work

**Victor – Social Economy Europe**

* Advocacy – Political change

Looking for allies/Intergroup/European Social committee / presidencies/committee of the regions/EC and DGs

* Visibility

European agenda often disconnected of the reality, we have to make sure the European problems are in the European agenda

* MIGRANTS/REFUGEES
* SHARING ECONOMY / Collaborative economy (online platforms)

The problem is the EC definition that excludes a part of social economy

Social Pilar – link to job creation

There should be no debate on definition, only a statement

**Eric - Ripess**

General Comments

Not too technical approach/Need for Social movement's involvement to change the society

Clarification of concepts

Identification of movements (commons, part of collaborative economy)

Visibility

Mapping

YOUTH eg Economistas Sin Fronteras

Social impact

They have consultative link with academic institutions

**Jean Philippe Milesy**

On conceptual issue/new concepts /great confusion/how to organize the social sphere

New approach of collective property

We have to send external and internal message

The forum should unite the forces of SSE

**Lisa – Cooperatives Europe**

Not too much room for conceptual framework

**Juan**

Balance political approach with technical approach

**Luigi Corvo**

Social impact measurement

Link the role of social economy with the needs of citizens

Goal: Social Economy Platform

Need answers to crisis

*Digital platform for European SSE* the most desirable outcome

Innovation would be to not give definition

**Emma**

Not our purpose to come up with new definition

**Guido Viale**

Creating solidarity creating community while producing goods and services

Which are the fields for the creation of new job opportunities

Agriculture / New sources of energy/waste management/Refugees/Unemployed people/Vulnerable groups

Diversion of economy in sustainability direction

**Inigo** – Reas

We are lost in the structure and outcomes

**DRAFT PROGRAM**

09.30 – 11.00 Conf 1

11.00 – 12.30 Conf 2 3 Workshops

12.30 – 15.OO Screenings and short presentations on best practices dealing with SSE processes (Only English) 2 workshops

15.00 – 16.30 Conf 3 2 workshops

16.45 – 18.00 Presentation of Workshops' outcomes and Closure (present next steps, share a document before)

Thierry: No parallel activities. Conclusion of workshops should be presented

Jean Phillipe: Not necessary to have separate conclusions at 18.00

Diana: Too many workshops, reduce and extend their time

Christina: Clear about the outcome

Juan: Registration for workshops

* EFSSE is a first attempt to approach the issue, fed by national processes and will mark GUEs further political steps/make visible GUEs position
* Screenings necessarily subtitled in English

Proposal - Structure outside the parliament for streaming and 8-9 stands / stand per country / Dimensions of stands/

Timing:

1, 5 hour introduction 2 hours in closing

1 hour conceptual panel

Guests:

150 external guests from national process (25 per country)

50-70 internal guests

**Other:**

Common Dinner?

Visit to Belgian Networks?

Declaration?

**NEXT STEPS**

We will send to all:

1. National contributions
2. Minutes
3. One proposal with content

Definite program by the 10th of December

To Do:

Call for proposals on speakers!!!

Save the dates/Bring representatives

List of international common guests

We expect:

List of potential guests and proposed speakers by European networks

Share national and European SSE Networks' contributions