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# Strategic Orientations 2021 - 2023

# Pandemic crises and the future of SSE



**Recovery plans should not continue to support the neoliberal system** of providing more stimulation to excessive consumption or "green and social washing".

Instead they should channel funding towards those that genuinely **serve territories, economic democracy and citizens**, and build environmental, social and economic justice through SSE.

The prospects opened by the global crisis itself could also lead to a **more rapid expansion of SSE** in many territories where **citizens have become more aware** of the challenges of our times...

# 3 dimensional strategy

## SSE ECOSYSTEMS

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## SSE RECOGNITION

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## SSE MOVEMENT

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# 1 - SSE ECOSYSTEMS

**Promote territorial ecosystems and support the emergence of new networks by supporting the valorisation of local SSE practices, their networking at the European level, and their economic inter-cooperation.**

- 1.1. Support **Mapping initiatives** and interoperable tools
- 1.2. Redesign of all the **online tools and websites** (joint activities on media, social networks and online **campaigns with members**)
- 1.3. Making available **collaborative digital tools for SSE** (SSE online cooperative “smarket” platforms, digital social currencies applications)
- 1.4. Intensify work with **universities, research centres and student networks**, summer-schools and e-learning activities
- 1.5. Collectively develop our vision of co-operation for the **future of SSE**



## 2 - SSE RECOGNITION

**Continue the development and recognition of solidarity economy as an alternative economic paradigm, the co-construction of public policies, advocacy with an increased effort on communication and media.**

2.1. Promote **co-construction of public policies** and produce relevant **evaluation tools** based on collective development and practitioners' participation.

2.2. Systematic collection of what each country is putting in place to **enable useful comparisons for members to advance** promoting SSE in their own contexts (through peer exchanges and EU projects)

2.3. Intervene where the long-term trends of economic and social policies are negotiated **at European level** (EU Parliament, Commission, etc.) - in collaboration with other advocacy organisations.

2.4. At **trans-national level**, become a reference and an observatory for policies and regulations at the national level that promote or hinder the development of SSE.



## 2 - SSE RECOGNITION

2.5. At **trans-local level**, continue to work with networks of Local Authorities on territorial development initiatives, promoting active exchange with SSE actors.

2.6. Promote **territorial cooperation**, with training projects on networking, peer-to-peer exchange and community building from the perspective of SSE ecosystems.

2.7. Reinforce the existing link with the **alternative, independent and cooperative media**.

2.8. The **Scientific Committee** will develop a bottom-up researcher-activist approach.

2.9. Build **intersectional alliances with other social movements** for advocacy and joint actions.



## 3 - SSE MOVEMENT

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3.1. Associate the holding of the network's yearly **General Assembly** with a national event **hosted by one of its members**.

3.2. Work at different levels with networks and movements on ecological transition, climate justice, degrowth, feminist economy, solidarity finance, food sovereignty and agroecology and promotion of the Commons – through **spaces, platforms and events such as the World Social Forum of Transformative Economies**.

3.3. Continue to promote **democratic citizen's participation and self-organisation as key drivers of systemic change**, through campaigns such as "Transformative Cities", research-action as Urban Arena, campaigns during local elections such as "Pacte pour la Transition"

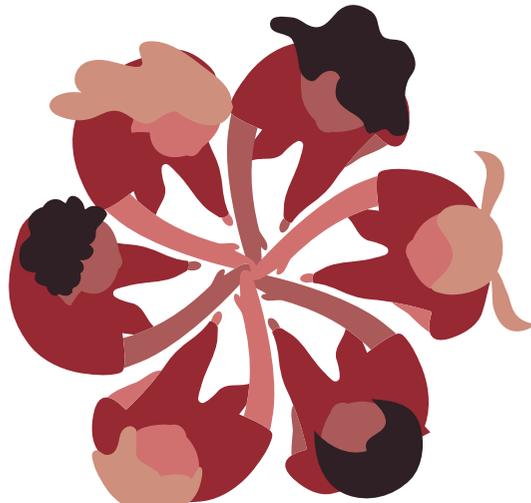


## 3 - SSE MOVEMENT

3.4. **Socioeco.org** plays its full role as a **resource centre** and RIPESS will continue use this tool to better disseminate knowledge.

3.5. Multiply the opportunities for experiences, co-operation and **active participation of young people** – encouraging the creation of a **YouthSSE network or a platform**.

3.6. Develop **webinar series to elaborate and support all these strategies** in collaboration with RIPESS members (at European and Intercontinental level) and others.



# INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

## BEYOND EUROPE...

The **RIPESS Europe 10th anniversary in 2021** can be the occasion to further promote the network beyond Europe (through **regional cooperations** and international solidarity cooperation) and in other sectors, fostering the **inter-sectorial cooperation**.

In the coming years, we need to pay attention to feeding into **RIPESS Intercontinental dynamics**, with special focus on the **Mediterranean Basin**, which is a territory shared between Europe, North Africa (together with RAESS) and the Near East.

Our work also feeds into specific advocacy with various **UN Institutions** (UN Task Force on Social Solidarity Economy, UNGA, FAO...) and other international bodies, carried out through RIPESS Intercontinental and allied networks.