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Solidarity Economy Europe

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

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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

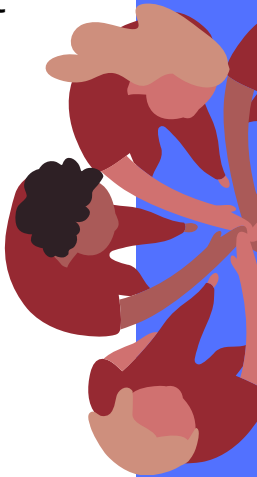
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2.1. Promote **co-construction of public policies** and produce relevant **evaluation tools** based on collective development and practitioners' participation.

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"

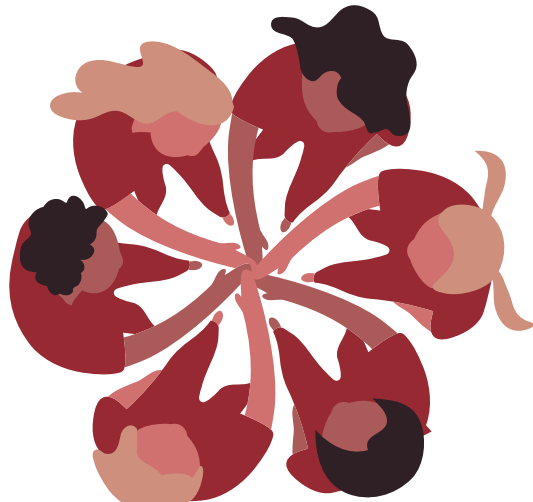


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3.4. **Socioeco.org** plays its full role as a **resource centre** and RIPESS will continue use this tool to better disseminate knowledge.

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.