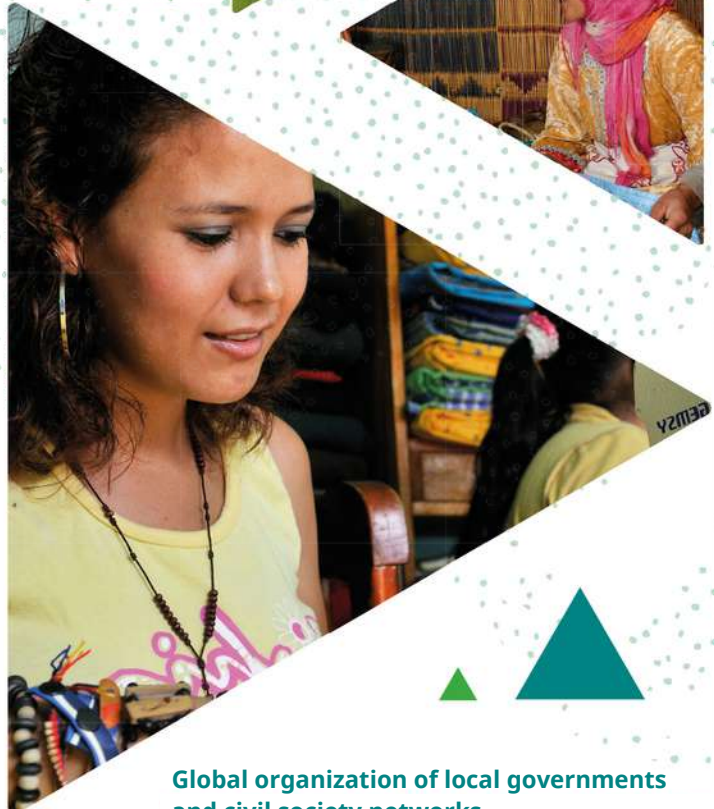




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Pierre Hurmic

*Mayor of Bordeaux (France),
Co-president of the GSEF*

The city of Bordeaux is honoured to co-chair the GSEF. It is very important for me to represent local governments and civil society networks committed to the promotion of a "different economy".

We are living in a historic moment. We need to turn around, change our trajectory, and lead the ecological and social transformation of our economy, which has revealed its vulnerability to crises. We must be more resilient. This implies changing the company: assigning social and environmental objectives, reviewing the capital/labour ratio, democratising its governance, responding to the needs of territories, stop confusing profits with dividends...

The Social and Solidarity Economy must become the "standard that will regulate the economy of tomorrow", the standard that imposes the primacy of the human being and the collective project over capital, that structures an economy of proximity and the long term. The international recognition of SSE is now gaining momentum.

The ILO has led the way, followed by the OECD, and now the UN, where we support a resolution affirming the key role of SSE in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The vote of this UN resolution will undoubtedly generate a new citizen dynamic to be co-constructed with local governments, will generate a territorial development that will contribute to reduce poverty, will meet the basic needs of communities while respecting the natural resources (common goods) of their territory.

This 6th edition of the GSEF's Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum, organised in Dakar in May 2023, will be an important time for meetings and the promotion of innovations tested in our territories throughout the world: SSE actors, young people, experts, researchers, elected politicians, local and national governments, and international organisations, let us commit ourselves together in Dakar to pursue the development of public policies favourable to SSE.

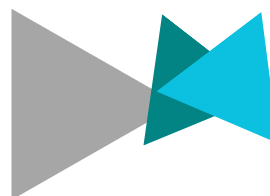


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GRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine is pleased and honoured to co-chair the GSEF and to represent the actors of Social and Solidarity Economy who act every day for more solidarity, economic and social justice, and environmental respect. This action, this ambition for a different society, must be thought out on multiple levels: local, national and international. Networking, promoting, sharing and transferring initiatives and innovations are more necessary than ever for an urgent social transformation. The Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum in May 2023 will echo these challenges. In the most transversal way possible, it will bring together actors from civil society, young people, local authorities and politicians to share and disseminate our respective practices.

It will be a place of expression with three days of pre-forum highlighting the essential role of youth and women in SSE and more broadly within our societies. It comes after a rich international sequence at the end of which SSE is strengthened in its fights, recognised for its contributions within our international bodies. It will also be, without any doubt, another step towards the construction of a more desirable and sustainable future.



One vision and 5 areas of action

- The GSEF works for a **fairer world** with decent work and dignified living conditions. It aims to reduce inequalities and meet basic needs.
- It is convinced that **systemic change starts at the local level**, based on a partnership between civil society and the public and private sectors. The ambition is for SSE to change scale and become the norm for tomorrow's economy, integrating collective management of the commons.
- It is based on **sharing inspiring experiences and innovations** that respond to the major social and environmental challenges of the territories. It puts SSE at the service of communities and local governments by offering resources, expertise, awareness-raising tools and training to support the emergence and implementation of SSE policies.
- It **cooperates with international networks**, which are also members, while respecting the expression of the diversity and identity of each and seeking complementarity. This collective action makes it possible to join forces according to priorities in order to promote SSE and with it a change in development models.
- It develops a **central reference framework** for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Advocacy at the international, national and local levels

GSEF advocates for the values and potential of SSE at the level and has been working for years with international, regional and national SSE networks and international organisations such as the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the European Commission, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) to promote the international recognition of SSE.



Support for the development of public/private stakeholder networks

The GSEF provides a platform for SSE actors from the public sector and civil society to exchange ideas, find potential partners, and build a network of support and solidarity. GSEF members can support local actors wishing to develop SSE networks in their territory and provide them with their expertise and experience.



Training and capacity building in the territories

Based on its expertise in SSE, GSEF offers access to a wide range of training opportunities in terms of capacity building, regional policy dialogues, and learning sessions.



Applied research and publications

GSEF collaborates with world-renowned researchers and institutes such as UNRISD (United Nations Research Institute for Social Development) and the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy. It contributes to the publication of reports and case studies presenting evidence of the impact of SSE and illustrating its potential in the realisation of different international development programmes.



Valuation of initiatives and exchange of experiences

GSEF creates networking opportunities, both in person and virtually, to connect members, facilitate sharing between policy makers and SSE actors, and strengthen the policy framework for SSE across continents. These include continental dialogues, which bring together policy makers and SSE actors on a regional basis.



Main activities of the year 2022



1. SETTING UP OF THE NEW GENERAL SECRETARIAT IN BORDEAUX

- Transfer of the General Secretariat office from Seoul to Bordeaux:
 - Closing of the Seoul office, closing of the accounts and departure of the team (30 June 2022)
 - Creation of the GSEF association under French law (10 March)
 - Recruitment of the new GS in Bordeaux (19 April)
 - Provisional office in Bordeaux City Hall then in La Manuco
- Identification of HR needs:
 - Recruitment of the Programme Coordinator (1 June)
 - Communication/ Job profile and recruitment process (taking up the post) on 1 January 2023
 - International Solidarity Volunteer: Job profile and recruitment process (taking up the post) on 1st January 2023
- Organisation of the logistical and financial administration :
 - Collaboration on financial management with FINACCOOP
 - Payroll management with ASSISTEA
 - Administrative support for one day/week with AGECE
 - Application for grants
 - Opening of bank account

2. COMMUNICATION AND IDENTITY

- New graphic charter and visual identity
- Update of the website
- Transfer of digital data from the Seoul Secretariat and the 4 forums
- Development of the GSEF communication strategy
- Re-engineering of social networks to support advocacy
- The Global Social Economy Forum becomes the Global Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy

3. NETWORK ANIMATION: networking

- Launch of the call for membership fees in September
- New memberships voted
- Local governance: articulating collegial governance between the 5 local co-chairs and their management
- Global governance:
 - 4 quarterly meetings of the Steering Committee and the Advisory Committee, including one meeting in person in Bordeaux in November
 - Development of the mandate and proposal to integrate the mandate of the Advisory Committee into the charter
- Continental dynamics: resumption of continental dialogues and exchange visits by continent
 - Visit to Brussels of members with the European co-presidency
 - Members' video meetings by continental and country groups

4. CONTINUING AND EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS: building links

- Development of research partnerships
- Introduction to key GSEF partners
- Strategic visits:
 - Strasbourg: European Social Economy Plan UCLG-Africities in Kenya in May
 - UCLG General Assembly in Daejeon (South Korea): bid to take over a community of practice on SSE
 - Meeting in Seoul with former Secretary General, founder Reverend Song and SSEGOV: Asia continent co-chair
- SSE-FI: participation in Board meetings and delegation to the Mont Blanc Meetings in Cartagena
- Meetings with international networks: RIPESS / Social Economy Europe...
- Trip to South Korea

5. INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

- International Coalition with ESS-FI, ACI, AIMF, ICMIF: signing of charter and participation in the development of files and press releases
- European Commission Visit DG Grow, DG Employment
- Choice of thematic groups: impact of public policies
- CIT: ESS-FI present at sessions on behalf of CISSE
- OECD: end of working groups; GSEF intervention in launch webinar
- UN SSE resolution: participation in 2 side-events in July and December

6. SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE GLOBAL SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY FORUM IN DAKAR

- International mobilisation of experts, networks and governments
- Development of the international communication strategy of the Forum
- Support to the scientific committee in the evaluation of the call for proposals, identification of experts and panelists
- Support to the development of the digital platform
- Support to the general coordination
- Participation in key meetings of the organising and steering committee



The GSEF in Bordeaux



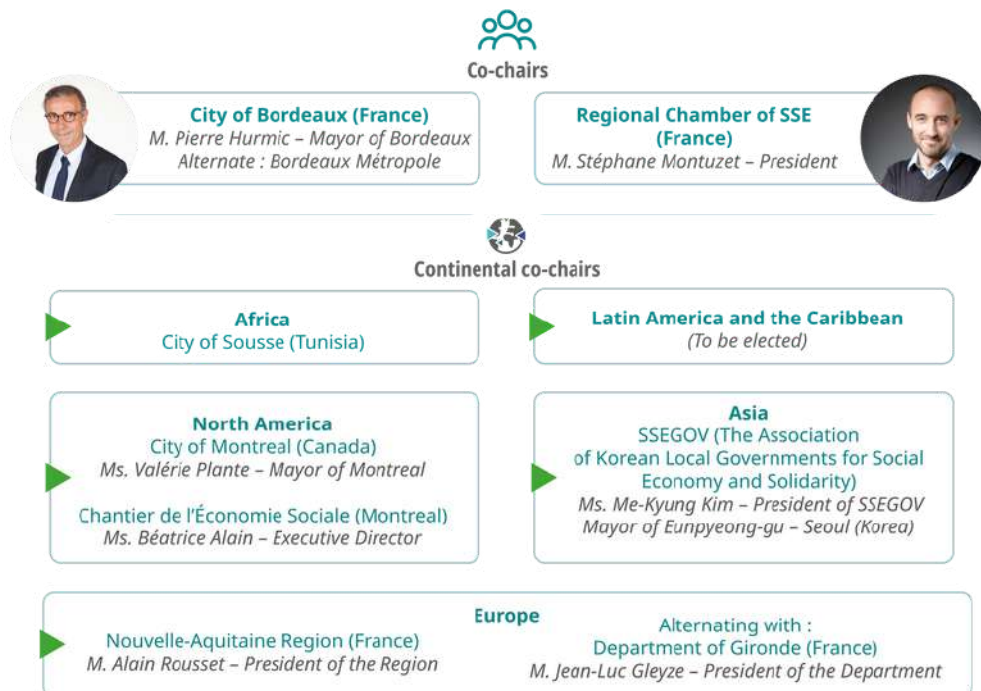
On 5 October 2021, the GSEF General Assembly selected Bordeaux (France) as its candidate for the Presidency for a two-year term and the seat of its permanent secretariat, previously located in Seoul (South Korea) since 2013, when the organisation was created. 2022 was the year in which the governance and the team were set up, with many challenges already to be met.

The city's application was supported by four partner authorities: the City of Bordeaux, Bordeaux Métropole, the Gironde Department and the New Aquitaine Region, in association with the New Aquitaine Regional Chamber of the Social and Solidarity Economy (CRESS), which represents actors and networks of actors. This collective approach is the result of a strong local commitment to the SSE and the conviction that it is necessary for it to change scale in order to become the standard for tomorrow's economy throughout the world.

In order to organise the transfer of the GSEF's permanent secretariat, a delegation of partner organisations was received in Seoul. Its members participated in the 33rd Congress of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) in December 2021 and in a seminar co-organised by the GSEF, the ICA and the Korean authorities, on the contribution of the Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Pursue and deepen the missions of the GSEF

By getting involved in the governance of the GSEF and in the local hosting of its operational team, the local authorities and the CRESS were able to continue the fundamental work of the GSEF carried out for over ten years.



New work topics will also be initiated or developed, such as citizen initiatives, the question of the commons, housing, public purchasing or the circular economy and the impact of public policies in favour of SSE.

The diversity of the GSEF members and their knowledge of new resilient economic models, the responsibility of economic actors, social justice and the human element in the economy, have augured an active mandate. This is a strong opportunity for the territories to intensify the exchange of experiences and good practices, research, advocacy, cooperation in favour of reaffirming the potential of SSE at global and local level. The collective also expressed its wish to be a candidate for the organisation of the 2025 Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum in Bordeaux.

A renewed General Secretariat

Aude Saldana, Secretary General, arrived in April 2022 after a solid experience in international NGOs abroad and in France. Over the course of the year, she has built up a team to increase her skills and expertise in order to implement the various areas of intervention of the GSEF.

This team includes a programme coordinator, who joined in June 2022, and an administrative assistant. A communication and network animation officer and a mission officer (International Solidarity Volunteer co-financed by the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region - France - in support of the organisation of the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum in Dakar) were recruited at the end of the year to take up their posts in early January 2023.

Expanded governance

Since 2021, member cities have been elected as continental co-chair cities for a two-year term. This decentralisation, which promotes the influence of SSE in their respective regions by relaying the work of the GSEF, is supported by the Permanent Secretariat, which has designed appropriate communication tools that will be distributed in 2023. The Advisory Committee will also be consolidated in order to allow the GSEF to benefit from the expertise and experience of its members in the strategic choices made by the Governance.

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The General Secretariat team



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General Secretary



Martin Georges
Programme
Coordinator



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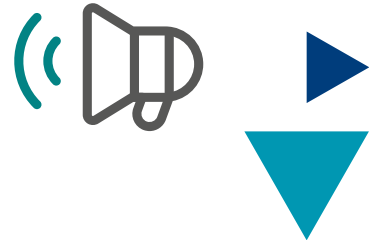


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International recognition of SSE



The year 2022 marks a major turning point for SSE through the dynamics of recognition of international organisations. In June, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) adopted a universal definition of the Social Solidarity Economy at its 110th conference. Then it was the OECD's turn. In 2023, it was supposed to be the vote on a resolution by the United Nations. A step forward for SSE which is anchored in the action led by the GSEF.

The 110th ILO Conference recalled the convergences between the ILO Constitution, including the Declaration of Philadelphia, and SSE, in the promotion of sustainable development, decent work, productive employment and improved living standards for all. It established a landmark definition as the first ever internationally agreed definition. Based on a set of shared principles and values, it directly echoes what the GSEF stands for and intends that the directions for the promotion of decent work in and through SSE for the coming years should be the subject of an ILO strategy and work plan. The OECD followed up with a recommendation on the Social Solidarity Economy and social innovation at its Council meeting in June 2022. This recommendation aims to guide national and local governments in the implementation of 9 guiding pillars, identified as enabling conditions for the development of SSE.

A long advocacy work

This movement gives new legitimacy to SSE by elevating it to the rank of a virtuous model in line with the challenges facing our societies throughout the world. It appears as a path of transformation that not only makes sense but also benefits women and men, territories and the planet. With this recognition, it is the highlighting of all SSE figures who place the human being, the collective project and the common good before profit, who structure an economy of proximity and the long term. For the GSEF, these positions taken by leading international organisations bear witness to all the advocacy work carried out with them for a long time by its governance, its general secretariat in Seoul and then in Bordeaux, as well as by its various member networks and other continental international organisations.



For example, our International Inter-Network Coalition was represented by the ICA and SSE-International Forum during the various proceedings of the International Labour Conference. The UN resolution finally adopted in spring 2023 was eagerly awaited because beyond the symbolism, SSE will integrate the roadmaps of the UN agencies in relation to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and will constitute a solid base to accompany the public policies devoted to it in the member countries.

The United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on SSE (UNTFSSSE), which has been in existence since 2014, has been working for several years on the contribution of SSE to the SDGs and is behind the draft resolution. In July 2022 in New York, a coalition of states and international structures was set up at the initiative of Spain.



United Nations - December 2022
Mobilisation of the Task-Force Inter-agencies

As a true SSE think tank, its role is to prepare the resolution and to mobilise politically in order to move towards a unanimous adoption. Of course, the GSEF was present and represented by the mayor of Bordeaux, Pierre Hurmic, who became co-president of the Global Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy at the end of 2021. In his speech, he recalled that "*This resolution will spread the social and solidarity economy to all continents, in all countries. [...] This resolution will legitimise our action and contribute to decolonising our economic imagination, which believes in infinite growth. [...] We believe in our capacity to build a better world.*"

To reinforce this historic momentum, a new event was organised on 13 December at UN Headquarters with the governments of Spain, Senegal, Chile and France. The Secretary General spoke on behalf of the International SSE Coalition (CIESS), a gathering of intercontinental SSE networks, for which the GSEF is the secretariat from January 2023.

Key dates 2022

10 June: 110th ILO Conference adopts a resolution on Decent Work and Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) defining SSE based on principles and values

10 June: Recommendation on Social Solidarity Economy and Social Innovation by the OECD Council

22 July: Mobilisation event by a coalition of Member States and international structures

16 November: Launch seminar of the OECD Recommendation on SSE and social innovation

13 December: Advocacy event of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on SSE

One year in the world



NORTH AMERICA

- Video meeting and bilateral exchange with Canadian members.
- **October** - Visit to Bordeaux of Luc Rabouin - Deputy Mayor of the City of Montreal and meeting with the GSEF.



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

- **September - Continental dialogue** with members to strengthen the network, call for candidates for continental co-presidency, follow-up of the Mexico Forum and link with the Dakar organising committee.
- **October** - Participation in the **Mont Blanc Meetings** in Cartagena de Indias in Colombia (see focus next page).
- **November** - Support for the participation of 10 Brazilian students in the Cooperatives and Solidarity Economy Conference - Johannesburg (South Africa).
- Visio in bilateral with **INAES** - National Institute of Social Economy of Mexico.



Aude Saldana with Aminata Diop Samb, Director General of FODEM - Municipal Development and Solidarity Fund, and Malick Diop, National Coordinator of the Network of Territorial Actors and Collectivities for the Social and Solidarity Economy (RACTES) at Africacities.

AFRICA

- **May** - Participation in **Africities** organised by UCLG Africa (United Cities and Local Governments) in Kisumu, Kenya, intervention in a round table, meeting with the Vice President GSEF Africa Imen Ouardini, exchanges with the delegation of the City of Dakar and RACTES.
- **June** - Participation in the **AIMF (Association Internationale des Maires Francophones) annual congress** in Abidjan (Ivory Coast) represented by the NGO PoJET.
- **September** - Collaboration with **ANSSE** (headquartered in Bamako), whose President is Madani Coumare who is also President of RENAPESS Mali, a member of GSEF, for the strengthening of the African SSE network and for the follow-up of the Dakar Forum action plan.
- **October - Continental dialogue** - Francophone and Anglophone Africa.
- Collaboration with **ANSSE - African SSE Network** to strengthen the SSE network and follow up on the Dakar Forum action plan.
- **November - Cooperatives and Solidarity Economy Conference** in Johannesburg organised by the Institute of African Cooperatives in South Africa.
- **November** - Hosting in Bordeaux of two members from the African continent (**REMCESS** - Network of Mayors of Cameroon for SSE, **OJEDD Togo** (Organisation of Young People Committed to Sustainable Development)).
- **December** - Participation in the awareness-raising workshop for local elected officials on the SSE organised by the **Association of Regions and Districts of Ivory Coast (ARDCI)**.
- **Support for the development of actors :**
 - . Togo: bringing together members and supporting the creation of a national network of SSE municipalities with the expertise of the existing Cameroonian network.
 - . Morocco - EMESSE - Moroccan SSE and environment space: encouraging collaborations / supporting the creation of national networks / linking for a national SSE law
 - . GBESS - Beninese Group of SSE actors.

EUROPE

- **May** - Participation in the **European Summit** "The Social Economy, the future of Europe" in Strasbourg with the signing of the Charter of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy (ICSSE) by Pierre Hurmic, Mayor of Bordeaux and Co-President of the GSEF, and the contribution of numerous members (Bordeaux Métropole, CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine (France), ConcertES, NGO PoJET, RIPESS Europe, RTES, UNRISD, City of Bordeaux).
- **June** - Participation in the **RIUESS meetings** (French Inter-University Network for the Social and Solidarity Economy).
- Visios with European members.
- **SIRCLES project** - Response to the European Commission's call for projects in consortium with DIESIS / REVES / Labo SSE/ Pour la Solidarité/RTES and 3 Territorial Poles of Economic Cooperation.
- **September - REVES at Barcelona** - participation in a workshop for European regions with GSEF.
- **September - Visit to Brussels** with various meetings of GSEF members, network representatives (SSE-FI, Social Economy Europe, DIESIS), Pour la Solidarité think and do tank and commission members.
- **September** - Participation in the **RIPESS Europe Annual Meeting**.
- **November** - Participation in the **SSE Month in Bordeaux**, animation of a round table during the Inventing Tomorrow Forum with Abewe (Ivory Coast), OJEDD International (Togo), So Coopération, CRIJ Nouvelle-Aquitaine (France), organisation of an SSE & International event with Pour la Solidarité and the SSE Chair of Sciences Po Bordeaux.
- **December** - Year 1 of the European Social Economy Plan in Brussels.



Pierre HURMIC, Mayor of Bordeaux and Co-President of GSEF signed the Charter on behalf of GSEF. Charter of the International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy (ICSSE) in the City and Eurometropolis of Strasbourg.



Meeting between the outgoing Secretary General, Laurence Kwark and the new one, Aude Saldana Cazenave, on the occasion of the UCLG Congress.



ASIA

- **April** - Participation in the **SDG City Leaders** session at the ING Earth Day Forum in New Taipei, organised by the New Taipei City Government with Laurence Kwark, outgoing GSEF Secretary General.
- **May** - Contribution with Laurence Kwark to the **Korean KOICA-Global Civic Sharing Programme** for capacity building on SSE ecosystems in Asia.
- **August** - Online participation in the event jointly organised by the International Cooperative Alliance Asia and the Pacific (ICA-AP) and the ILO entitled "**ILO Recommendation 193 and the Social Solidarity Economy: Perspectives from the Asia-Pacific Region**". Also present were GSEF members SEWA from India and iCOOP from South Korea.
- **August** - Meeting with the continental Co-Chair (SSEGOV).
- **October** - Participation in the **UCLG Congress** (United Cities and Local Governments) in Daejeon, South Korea.
 - A rich programme of conferences and workshops with the "Pact for the Future" and social, ecological and governmental transitions at the heart of the Congress' Political Declaration.
 - A commitment of the GSEF to the animation of the Community of Practice on the Social and Solidarity Economy within UCLG.
 - Meeting with SSEGOV - co-chair for the Asian continent, the outgoing Secretary General, Laurence Kwark and founding members of GSEF (SVS Funds, Seeds foundation).
- Video meeting with **Nepalese members** to encourage collaboration and advocacy with local governments / support for the creation of a network.

In-person committees



After quarterly meetings held remotely, on 9 and 10 November 2022, the Steering Committee and the Advisory Committee met in Bordeaux for the last meeting of the year 2022. This was an important time for the new governance and the renewed team of the General Secretariat to welcome home.



The Advisory Committee, composed of experts and founding members of the GSEF, was reaffirmed in its role of advice and guidance. Consideration was given to how to involve this committee in the GSEF's strategic reflections.

These two days were an opportunity for the members, many of whom made the trip, to meet local SSE actors during the reception at the Town Hall organised by Pierre Hurmic - mayor of Bordeaux and president of the GSEF in the presence of Stéphane Montuzet - president of the CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine and co-president of the GSEF and local elected officials. Alain Rousset, president of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region and Jean-Luc Gleyze, president of the Gironde Departmental Council, in their capacity as European co-presidents of the GSEF, also came to express their support for the organisation and mobilisation of their territorial policies around SSE. A tour of initiatives closed this sequence in Bordeaux.

On the agenda of the meeting times:

- **a discussion on the identity of the GSEF**, in particular the systematisation of the terms social and solidarity economy in the development of the GSEF acronym and in the language elements, but also the presentation of the communication plan (see last page).
- **the organisation's support to its members** in terms of capacity building and support for local SSE networking.
- **the establishment of thematic working groups** with two leaders per theme in order to promote the exchange of experiences, to enhance existing innovations... This initiative, which is expected by the members and has been identified as a priority for 2023, will lead to specialised webinars benefiting from the insights of experts outside the GSEF.
- **the general mobilisation around the organisation of the Global SSE Forum in Dakar** in May 2023, for which registrations were to open at the beginning of 2023.





SSE dynamic in Latin America and the Caribbean

In 2021, the first Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum in Latin America was to be held, organised by Mexico City with INAES. Unfortunately, the global health crisis made it impossible to attend and the event was held only remotely. Nevertheless, there is a real SSE dynamic on this continent that the GSEF must support. This is one of the priorities for the year 2023.

In October 2022, the Mont Blanc Meetings proposed by SSE Forum International, a member of GSEF, were luckier than MexicoGSEF2021 and were able to take place as usual in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. The central theme was "Social and Solidarity Economy: local to international solutions in a changing world". The GSEF was present through members of its Steering Committee and the General Secretariat but also with the participation of local governments and member networks. It facilitated a workshop on "Housing and SSE" with various speakers including a Colombian organisation, Canada Angus Development Corporation and Aclef - Association of Cooperation for Student Housing in France. Among the various issues at stake in these meetings, the aim was to continue to advocating for the adoption of a resolution at the UN General Assembly on SSE in 2023; a plenary session of the International Coalition was organised on site on this subject. This was echoed in the Cartagena Declaration.

The Mont Blanc Meetings also made it possible, through the various exchanges, to strengthen the link to the organisation of the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum in Dakar, Senegal in 2023.

We organized videoconferences to renew contacts with Mexico City, INAES, and the Cooperative University of Colombia, as well as to discuss the GSEF action plan and the 2022-2023 priorities for the geographical area during a meeting dedicated to the post-forum in Mexico City. Many contacts and collaborations are underway and make the context very favourable for meetings with new members.

To activate and support this movement, the next GSEF General Assembly should allow the appointment of continental Co-Chairs for Latin America and the Caribbean. They will be supported by a person on a CIFRE thesis contract hired by the GSEF from September 2023.



On the way to DAKAR GSEF 2023



In May 2023, the GSEF is organised for the first time on the African continent after editions in Seoul, Montreal, Bilbao and Mexico City. As a major international biennial event, it brings together all the stakeholders in the Social and Solidarity Economy ecosystem to share practices and visions that will enable us to build a more inclusive and egalitarian world. This 6th edition will take place in Dakar, capital of Senegal.



It was officially launched on 9 September 2022 at the City Hall of Dakar by Zahra Iyane Thiam, Minister of Microfinance and SSE and Barthélémy DIAS, Mayor of the City of Dakar. On this occasion, the city of Bordeaux, the GSEF and the RACTES (Network of Actors and Territorial Collectivities for the Social and Solidarity Economy in Senegal) signed the agreement for the organisation of the GSEF 2023. The steering committee, chaired by the Senegalese government, was set up and met at the Ministry. A kick-off for an event that intends to be a real gathering after a previous edition affected by the context of the Covid global crisis.

For many months now, the forum has been structured around RACTES, which was appointed coordinator of the Forum in April 2022 by order of the City of Dakar through the person of Malick Diop, and the eleven thematic commissions.

It should be remembered that the stakes are high, as each edition of the GSEF pursues a political objective by bringing together elected officials and leaders from all over the world, international experts, development agencies, networks and actors in the field who are committed to promoting this economy centred on people and respect for the environment. This mobilisation takes on a particular dimension in the context of the expected international recognition.

The other main purpose of the event is to encourage the exchange of experiences and expertise implemented on all continents, to offer an exceptional opportunity to highlight successful innovations carried out by local governments and all actors involved in SSE. In short, to be a real platform for mutual learning to go further!



Signature of the agreement for the organisation of the Dakar GSEF 2023 between the city of Bordeaux, the GSEF and the RACTES (Network of Actors and Territorial Collectivities for the Social and Solidarity Economy in Senegal)

A dense and intense programme

Dakar GSEF 2023 is committed to meeting these objectives with an ambitious programme:

- **1 and 2 May - a Jeun'ESS Preforum**, recognising the participation of young people in this economy of the future, creator of decent jobs and its new opportunities for young people in all territories.

Inspiring presentations, experience-sharing workshops... not to mention the stands in the SDO village, the approaches are multiple, led by and for young people. This pre-forum integrates 350 young people from CaravanESS from 10 West African countries. A Youth Appeal on SSE will be developed and presented at the end.

- **3 May - a one-day Women'SSE Preforum** dedicated to the vital role of women in SSE structures and enterprises. Built around themes, the day will involve young girls and women whose initiatives are emblematic through testimonials and project fairs. A declaration and a roadmap of Gender and SSE will be adopted and presented at the end.
- **4, 5 and 6 May - Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum** with three days of political dialogue and thematic exchanges around a main theme divided into 7 sub-themes. In addition to the plenary sessions and political dialogue, 80 exchange sessions to discover initiatives and practices from the five continents are being organised on the basis of 254 projects selected by the scientific committee following the call for proposals launched in spring 2022. A final political declaration and a DAKAR GSEF 2023 roadmap will be adopted and presented at the closing ceremony.
- **all week** - a permanent exhibition with stands of SSE organisations, local governments, a market with exhibition and sales stands for the promotion of SSE products, a rich cultural programme every evening.



They joined the GSEF in 2022

- Cooperative University of Colombia (UCC) - Colombia
- International Association of Investors in the Social Economy (INAISE) - International
- Association Our Life years (ANAVIE) - Togo
- Khadkeshowri Saving and Credit Cooperative Ltd - Nepal
- Council of the Oriental Region - Morocco

They have submitted their applications

Nawa Region - Ivory Coast / Ethekwini Municipality - South Africa / Tivaouane Departmental Council - Senegal / ECOPN - Senegal / Institute for Good Governance, Development and Foresight - Ivory Coast / KOFF Conseils - Togo / Shared Sewing Center - Nepal / Coordination Artistique - Senegal / NEDI - Nepal / Association for Sustainable Development - Burkina Faso / Chaire Terr'ESS - France / Pour la Solidarité (PLS) - Belgium

86 members for 36 countries



Due to the transfer of the Secretariat, the membership campaign has been postponed from the beginning of 2022 to december but with good feedback from members.

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New image, new tools

Communication allows us to amplify the advocacy activity, the influence of the action of the GSEF and its members and with it the promotion of the SSE. Moreover, it is essential for the animation of our network by contributing in particular to the promotion of knowledge between members and their initiatives.

This is why the General Secretariat has undertaken a major project to develop its strategy and tools for its members and for all the actors with whom it is or may be in contact. First of all, a new image was developed with the creation of visuals that have since been used on all media, a strengthening of our presence on social networks on Facebook and LinkedIn and a GSEF presentation brochure published in 2023. A communication kit is also planned to support the co-chairs in their roles. In 2023, other projects will be undertaken, including the redesign of our website. This will be done in 3 languages.

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Carbon impact

The GSEF is aware of the environmental impact of travel inherent in the activity of an international organisation and is working to limit it. Remote exchanges and meetings are favoured. The train is systematically used when distances make it possible and carbon compensation is also implemented for air travel through the support of the Trip and tree by Air France programme.

Local SSE ecosystem

Since the beginning of December, the Secretariat has moved to the premises of the Manuco in Bordeaux, a brand new collaborative entrepreneurial cluster dedicated to the development and promotion of SSE. It has joined structures with social and environmental projects.

The Secretariat is committed to a policy of responsible purchasing by calling on SSE actors: accounting (Finacoop), banking (Crédit Coopératif), payroll (Assistea RH -cooperative), human resources (Agec&Co), information systems and IT (Association la Traversée), communication (O tempora cooperative).