

RIPESS 2021-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN



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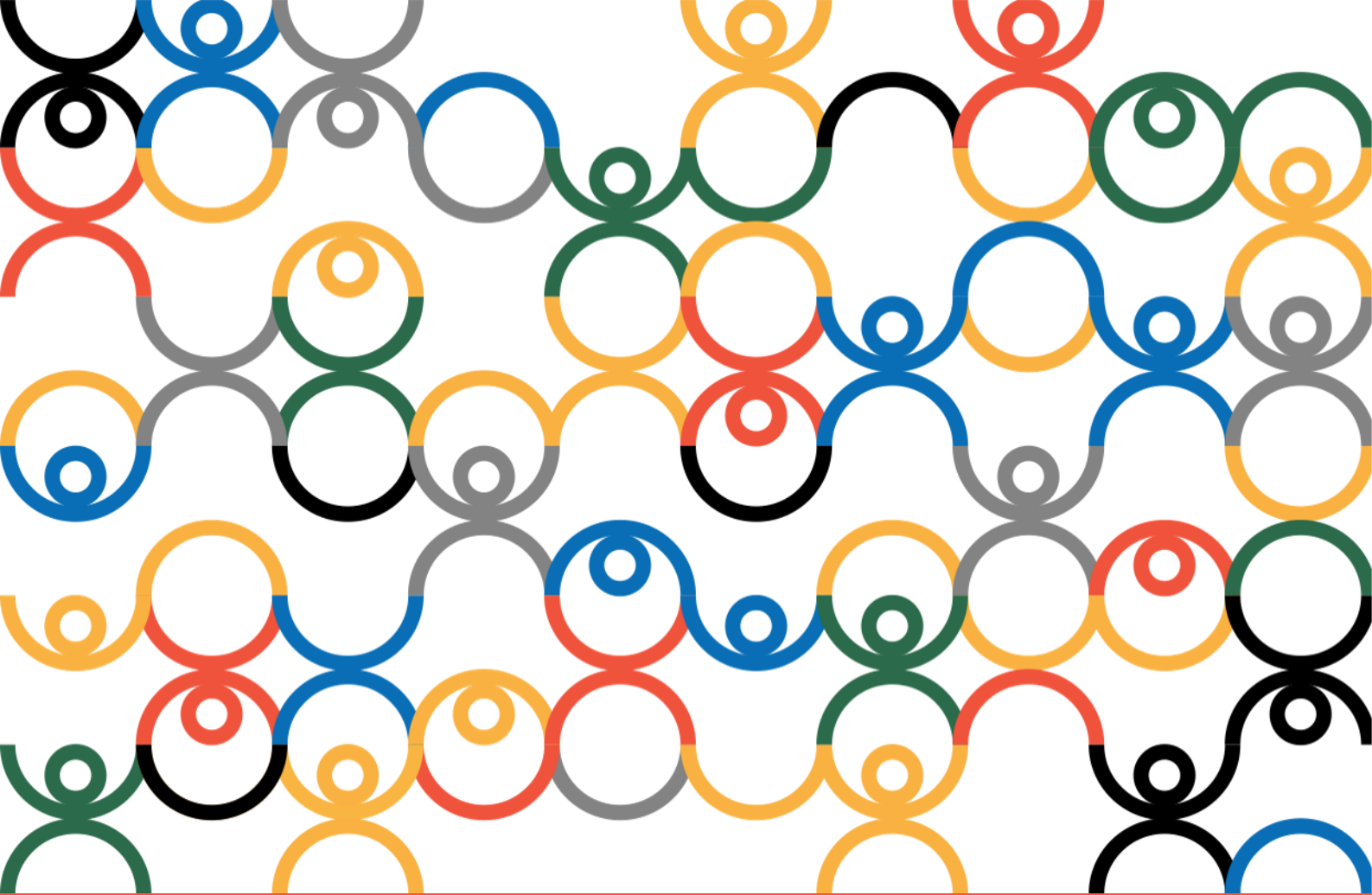
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RIPESS, Building Solutions for Tomorrow for the Past 25 Years

RIPESS, the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy, is moving forward.

We have adopted a new, more robust form of international coordination and strategic plan for 2021-2023. This plan takes into account both the context, as well as updated priorities, needs and visions of the different RIPESS continental and sectorial member networks.

The Strategic Plan represents the symbolic beginning of a new chapter. We believe that we will be able to address the challenges facing our societies today, and **our social movement will continue to build sustainable and just solutions for a better tomorrow. Like we have been doing for the past 25 years.**



2021-2023 RIPESS STRATEGIC PLAN

1. RIPESS, building solutions for Tomorrow for the past 25 years
2. Promote SSE as a powerful solution for an alternative post-covid-19 re-building
3. Pursue key orientations to ensure transformative impacts
4. Establish a robust action plan for a more impactful SSE promotion

1 . RIPESS, building solutions for Tomorrow for the past 25 years



Our roots are local and our impact is global.

Since 1997, RIPESS has been raising its voice and making proposals on and for Social Solidarity Economy at international level.

We are a network of networks: we have grown together across continents through our grassroots movements and actions.

Currently, RIPESS is **composed of 6 continental networks and 3 international sectorial networks**

(present on at least 3 continents), **all committed to the promotion of Social Solidarity Economy.**

In RIPESS we believe that in order to face global challenges we need a socio-economic transformation and an economy with values focused on people, planet and human rights

The combined global and local scope gives RIPESS legitimacy to **promote SSE, foster intercontinental cooperation, and advocate at different levels.**



2. Promote SSE as a powerful solution for an alternative post-covid-19 re-building



Strengthen SSE solutions and Advocate for a more transformative impact

SSE grassroots networks and their members across all continents are playing key roles in overcoming the Covid19 challenges and showing their resilience and capacity to innovate. **The challenge we are now facing is not how to build back pre-Covid socioeconomic structures, but rather how to build an alternative model of development, driven by the needs of all peoples and communities around the world, and the protection of our planet.**

The window of opportunity is now open to accelerate the process, capitalize on the thousands of ingenious solutions being created within communities, and **make positive change permanent and global** in all its diversity, based on human rights and social, environmental, and economic justice.

At the same time, we must develop and strengthen SSE ecosystems at all levels, building on what already exists.

3. Pursue key orientations to ensure transformative impacts



Add value to the work of our member networks, while also ensuring transformative impacts on the regional and global arena

The framework of our strategic orientations consists of two priorities:

- **Strengthen our international advocacy work from the local to the global levels** to ensure more visibility of the solutions provided by SSE initiatives and networks, thus realizing more transformative impacts.
- **Support the strengthening of our subregional SSE networks' work** in their subregional advocacy activities, and their work with their national and local SSE network members.

4. Establish a robust action plan for a more impactful SSE promotion



Translate the Key Orientations into the 2021-2023 Action Plan

RIPESS will play a greater and more systematic role in **promoting SSE in different international platforms and arenas** in which many key stakeholders participate, like States, UN agencies, Universities, International networks and platforms, and other social movements. These platforms can be **thematic** (environment, SDGs, local development...), **sectorial** (food sovereignty, social protection, ethical finances...), and/or focused on certain **groups** (youth, women, migrants, informal workers, Indigenous People ...).

It also means **supporting and promoting subregional and continental advocacy work for SSE**, as each subregion has its own specificities and diversity, as well as key stakeholders to address regarding thematic, sectorial, and specific groups' challenges.

In parallel, **at the national and local level, it is essential to support the promotion of SSE towards local governments** through reinforcing the support from the continental SSE networks towards their national members. At the same time, enhance the sharing of advocacy tools and strategies between different countries from the different continents in a spirit of joint construction of SSE public

policies and programs between SSE actors and local governments.

Additionally, we will **develop more alliances** with other transformative economies and civil society movements and networks, as well as with any other multi-stakeholders' platforms with transformative vision in order to join forces and get more impact in our advocacy actions.

Lastly, we will give greater **visibility to grassroots SSE work from all over the world, as well as to the national SSE networks' actions; and allow exchanges** of experiences and tools between the SSE actors and between the networks, to contribute to reinforcing and disseminating these practices and innovations, including from specific groups (women, youth, informal sector, indigenous people, etc.) to reinforce the global movement.

The 2021-2023 Strategic Plan is being implemented through the following working areas:

Working Area 1- Transcontinental advocacy in international arenas

Working Area 2- National and local networks' advocacy for SSE Public Policies

Working Area 3- Convergence with other movements for joint advocacy and the reinforcement of the networks

Working Area 4 – Information, tools and education material for SSE promotion



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