

History and International Meetings

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1997

Founding meeting of RIPESS in Lima, Peru (July)

Still without the name RIPESS, which arrived in December 2002. Since 1997, RIPESS has been organising globalisation of solidarity meetings every four years to promote the SSE on all continents.

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2001

Second World Meeting in Quebec City (October)

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2002

At the first meeting (December)

The International Liaison Committee (ILC) in Quebec, it was decided to formalise the process initiated in Lima with the creation of the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social and Solidarity Economy (RIPESS).

2004

RIPESS created a first legal entity in the province of Quebec and appointed a first 4-person board of directors (at a meeting in May)

On the occasion of the conference of the Canadian Network for Community Economic Development, a member of RIPESS since its foundation, the North American Network of Social Economy (NANSE) was created. The name was changed to RIPESS North America in March 2009.

2005

● (September in Cochabamba, Bolivia) Creation of RIPESS LAC by Latin American solidarity economy organisations (led by the *Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Comercio Justo*)

Gathered at the "Encuentro Latinoamericano de Economía Solidaria y Emprendimiento de Comercio Justo" (Latin American Meeting of Solidarity Economy and Fair Trade Entrepreneurship).

● **Novembre, Dakar (Senegal)**

Third meeting of the Globalisation of Solidarity. The governance of RIPESS was renewed and the original four-person Board of Directors was replaced by an Intercontinental Board of 12, two from each continent. With this renewal, the ILC was no longer needed and was abolished.

2006

After a first meeting in 2004, Urgenci was formally created in 2006. Urgenci is a global Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) network. Urgenci has participated in RIPESS since its inception and became a formal member in 2018.

2009

The fourth meeting on the globalisation of solidarity took place in April 2009 in Luxembourg

Later in 2009, RIPESS participated in the ILO regional conference in Africa on "The Social Economy: Africa's response to the global crises", where the "Plan of action for the promotion of social economy enterprises and organisations in Africa" was adopted. Establishment of the ILO Academy on the Social and Solidarity Economy.

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2010

RIPESS Europe and RAESS (African Network of the Social Solidarity Economy) are created

2011

● The "Asian Solidarity Economy Council" (ASEC)

Was established at the 3rd Asian Solidarity Economy Forum in Kuala Lumpur.

● **Socioeco.org was created as part of the RIPESS SSE ecosystem**

In the early years, socioeco was part of the Foundation for Human Progress (FPH). Later, socioeco moved to RIPESS Europe and became a unique tool for the whole SSE movement, bringing together legislation, research papers, reports... All kinds of resources are brought together and can be easily found on a free and open platform.

● **The Montreal-based Chantier de l'économie sociale**

Whose executive director, Nancy Neamtan, was also the coordinator of RIPESS, organised the FIESS public policy conference. It was attended by more than 1400 participants from SSE organisations, UN agencies such as the ILO, but also from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), as well as their counterparts from Africa and Latin America. This important and successful global meeting laid the foundation for the promotion of SSE at many levels, including legislation on SSE and the creation in 2013 of the UNTFSSSE.

2012

At the People's Summit on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

RIPESS presented proposals for the SDGs. On this occasion, RIPESS developed links with different bodies, such as UN-NGLS, the UN's non-governmental liaison service (closed in 2018). This led RIPESS to participate in consultations organised by the NGLS with "120 regional civil society networks and movements", which recognised the SSE in their final report.

2013

Creation of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE)

RIPESS is an observer of this group and has participated in all meetings and events since 2014. In October 2013, RIPESS held its fifth and last Globalising Solidarity meeting in Manila, Philippines.

2014

● **Creation of the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) following the Seoul meeting in 2013**

Under the slogan "solidarity for change", the inaugural meeting of the GSEF2014 led to the permanent process of holding Forums every two years (2016 in Montreal, 2018 in Bilbao and 2021 in Mexico City). The GSEF brings together local authorities and SSE organisations.

● **At the 2nd High Level Political Forum (HLPF)**

On Sustainable Development held at the United Nations in New York, the "RIPESS Recommendations on the Social and Solidarity Economy for the Post-2016 Agenda" were endorsed by 500 organisations from all over the world. On this occasion, the Executive Secretary of RIPESS was invited to address the UN on behalf of the NGO major group.

2015

Adoption of the RIPESS Global Vision Statement 2015. RIPESS participated in the 70th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

Where the 2030 Agenda for 2015-2030 was adopted. Madani Koumaré, President of RENAPESS, the national SSE network of Mali, intervened in the session on Theme 3: "Fostering sustainable economic growth, transformation and promotion of sustainable consumption and production". Since then, RIPESS participates annually in the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

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2016

RIPESS participated as a member of the GSEF organising committee and becomes a member of the GSEF, and vice versa

RIPESS' application for NGO accreditation with ECOSOC was accepted. This allows official participation in UN activities (mainly in New York). Since then, RIPESS has been working for the UN General Assembly to adopt a resolution on the SSE.

2017

The New Economy Network Australia (NENA)

Was launched as an informal network in October 2017 at the Brisbane conference and was legally constituted as a cooperative in January 2019.

2018

The International Association of Investors in Social Economy (INAISE) becomes a member of RIPESS

2019

RIPESS collaborates with the French initiative "Alliance globale pour l'ESS" in the framework of the Pact for Impact created in (2019)

To promote the recognition of the SSE at international level.

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2021

● UNTFSSSE and RIPESS, in the framework of GSEF 2021, organised a session on "Local government and the social economy: co-creating pathways for a green and inclusive economy"

This session was also a first step towards the regionalisation of UNTFSSSE activities in 2022.

● **RIPESS, Urgenci and the Global Platform for the Right to the City**

Organised the side event "The Social and Solidarity Economy is the way to overcome inequalities through the reactivation of COVID-19".

2022

● **RIPESS participation (online) At the 110th International Labour Conference of the ILO**

held in Geneva in June, RIPESS contributed to the document "Decent Work and the Social and Solidarity Economy", which was adopted by all countries of the world. It is a first and creates a turning point.

● **Joint organisation with the UNTFSSSE of an activity in the framework of the High Level Policy Forum (HLPF)**

This meeting was a great moment for the promotion of the SSE at the international level.

● **Participation as moderator in the meeting The role of social economy in the compliance of the SDGs: A possible resolution of the general assembly**

Organised by Spain at the UN on 22 July to launch the resolution process among member states.