

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

1 -2 November 2025

*E-graine, 2 Quai de Brazza Bord de Garonne
Bordeaux, France*



PARTICIPANT'S INFOPACK



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Dear RIPESS members,

We are very happy to announce the RIPESS Europe General Assembly 2025 which will be held on 1-2 of November in Bordeaux, France.

Bordeaux was chosen in order to combine our GA with Global SSE Forum that will take place from 29 - 31 October 2025.

Welcome and enjoy!

The RIPESS Europe Coordination committee and GA team



1. Venue



The RIPESS Europe General Assembly will be hosted at the E-graine Maison de la Nature et de l'Environnement Bordeaux Aquitaine offices!

E-graine is a grassroots educational movement that fosters civic engagement and helps build more welcoming, supportive, and responsible communities. Through creative learning projects, it empowers people to understand social issues and act as agents of change.

Website: <https://www.e-graine.org/>



2. How to get to E-graine Maison de la Nature et de l'Environnement

Address

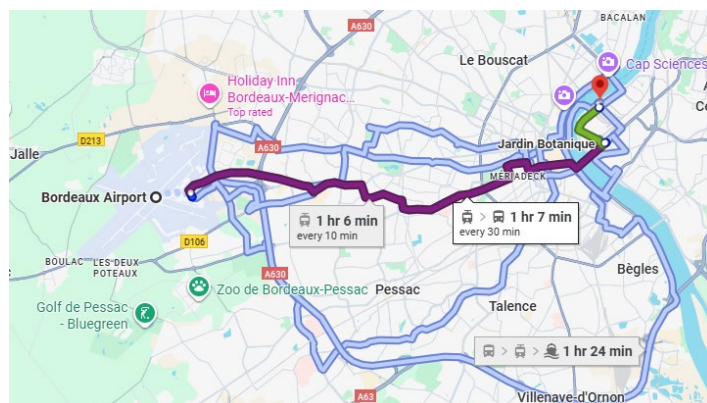
[2 Quai de Brazza Bord de Garonne, 33100 Bordeaux, France](#)

From Bordeaux Airport

There are several choices of route to reach E-graine from Bordeaux Airport.

We just mention 2 different routes:

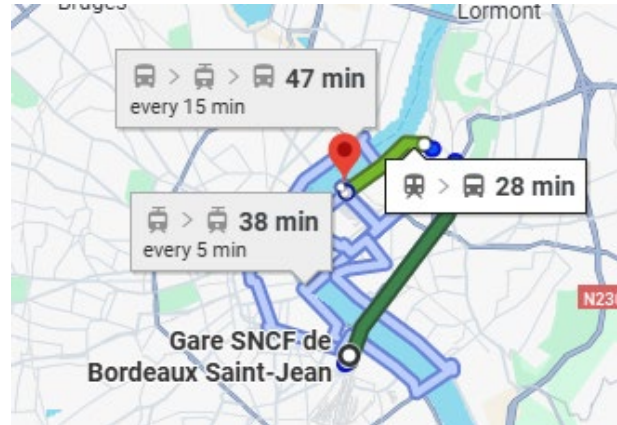
1. From Bordeaux Airport take Tram A at Aeroport station and exit at Thiers-Benauge Station (25 stops, approx. 48 min). From Thiers-Benauge Station there is a 16-minute walk to E-graine. (Total duration 1 hr. 6 min)
2. From Bordeaux Airport take Tram A at Aeroport station and exit at Jardin Botanique Station (24 stops, approx. 47 min). From Jardin Botanique take Bus 61 and exit at Bouthier station (4 stops, approx. 4 min) and then 3-minute walk to E-graine. (Total duration 1 hr. 7 min)



From Bordeaux Train Station ([Gare SNCF de Bordeaux Saint-Jean](#))

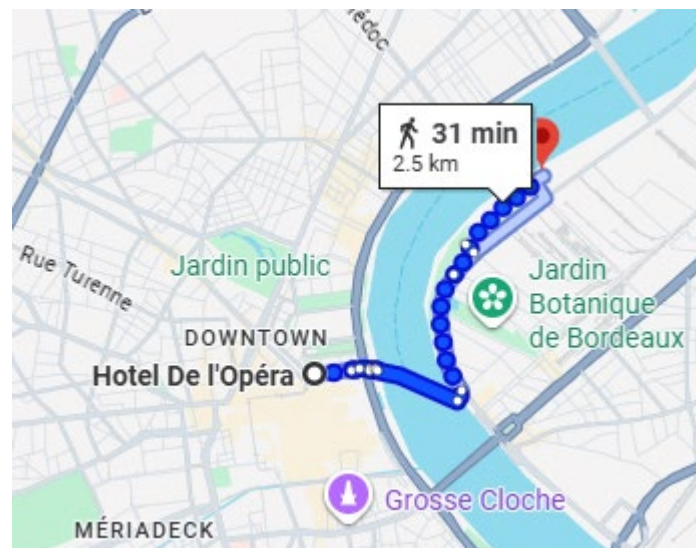
The fastest route according to the maps takes 38 minutes.

From Gare SNCF de Bordeaux Saint-Jean walk for 6 min (350 m) up to the Tauzia Station, take Tram line C (Gare de Blanquefort) up to Porte de Bourgogne station (5 min, 3 stops). Then take Tram Line A up to Thiers-Benauge station (5 min, 3 stops). From Thiers-Benauge Station there is a 16-minute walk to E-graine.



From the Hotel de l' Opera to E-graine

[Hotel De l'Opéra](#), 35 Rue Esprit des Lois, 33000 Bordeaux, France



From Hotel De l'Opera to E-graine the distance is 2,5 km and it is 31 minutes walking plus the ferry to cross the river.

There is another route that takes approx. 18 minutes. From the Hotel walk for 6 min up to Quinconces Jean-Jaurès, take the Ferry 952 Les Hangars for 8 minutes up to Bastide Darwin. From there walk for 4 minutes up to the venue.



3. GA Programme

DAY 1	Saturday November 1 st
9.00 – 10.30	Welcoming & introduction of the program Icebreaking RIPESS Main achievements 2024-2025 Overview of Network members Welcome moment
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee Break 15'
10.45 – 11.45	News from RIPESS IC and International Organisations / European Alliances Events and Campaigns
11.45 – 12.00	Coffee Break 15'
12.00 – 13.30	Network Shared Governance: presentation Overview of circles / Nominations of circle leaders and CoCo composition
13.30 – 15.00	LUNCH Time at E-Grain 13.30 - 14.30
15.00 – 15.45	Finance circle report and budget 2025-2027 Fundraising strategy
15.45 – 16.30	Charter of Principles Revision Validation
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee Break 15'
16.45 – 18.00	SSE Strategy: Towards a new SSE orientation
18.00 – 18.15	Coffee Break 15'
18.15 – 19.00	Working Circles
20.00	Collective dinner
Online connection: use BBB (meet.ripest.eu) - Main room to follow the first day of the General Assembly	
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DAY 2	Sunday November 2 nd
9.00 – 10.30	Intercooperation Space Common Working areas Projects cooperation
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee Break 15'
10.45 – 11.45	SSE Strategy Discussion Action Plan Axes (Part B)
11.45 – 12.00	Coffee Break 15'
12.00 – 13.30	CoCo and RIPESS Int. representatives approval Vote / validation of Statutes Gender Equity Plan Internal regulations
13.30 – 15.00	LUNCH Time at E-Grain 13.30 - 14.30
15.00 – 15.45	Putting the new governance into practice: How will the working circles integrate Charter and SSE Strategy?
15.45 – 16.30	Recap - Next Steps
16.30 – 16.45	Closure
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4. Global SSE Forum 2025

The Global SSE Forum 2025 is a key event on the road to achieving sustainable development goals. With 5 years to go before the 2030 Agenda, it will bring together civil society and local and regional authorities to get things moving, challenge decision-makers and speed up the just transition. This meeting is also part of a dense and decisive global sequence, just a few days away from the World Social Forum in Doha (4-6 November 2025), which will bring together heads of state and government to accelerate the implementation of a new global social contract based on the reduction of poverty.

In this context, [Bordeaux GSEF 2025](#) will be a powerful reminder of the key role played by local governments and civil society in building sustainable, inclusive development rooted in the territories. This is a strategic moment to share concrete solutions, strengthen cooperation and make the voice of local players heard on a global scale. This is more crucial given the many threats facing the world today: wars, authoritarian regimes, economic disorder, hardening social relations, ecological disasters, disinformation, etc. The SSE is witnessing a new narrative that it is up to us all to write.

Information about the program [here](#)



Events organized or facilitated by RIPESS Europe

Date & Time	Event/Place	Title	Short Description	Organized / Facilitated by
28/10 10:00 - 12:00	1 st European Meeting on Complementary Local Currencies Athénée Municipale	Local currencies in the just transition	Workshops Exchange of good practices	Sol Monnaies, RIPESS Europe
28/10 15:00 - 17:00	1 st European Meeting on Complementary Local Currencies Athénée Municipale	Local currencies and the social economy and social finance	Workshops Why and how can European local currencies continue to collaborate with each other	Sol Monnaies, RIPESS Europe
28/10 15:00 - 17:00	10th Ciriec International Conference Sciences Po Bordeaux MONTESQUIEUR OOM	Commons & public services		CIRIEC-España, CIRIEC-France, RIPESS Europe
28/10 09:30 - 12:00	GSEF-GSSE Youth Hub Grand foyer de la Cité Bleue	Youth Assembly: "Open Space for Youth-led Futures"	Objectives: To connect young people in the Social and Solidarity Economy, map their key themes and challenges, share ideas, build collaborations, and strengthen youth voices and priorities.	YouthCare, RIPESS Europe, GSEF
29/10 16:30 - 17:30	GSEF Palais 2 l'Atlantique Room E	And for you, what is care? Intergenerational dialogue on care networks in solidarity economies.	The Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) challenges the capitalist, patriarchal system by placing care at the center as a collective right and act of resistance, fostering mutual support and emancipation from exploitation.	YouthCare RIPESS Europe RIPESS Intercontinental
29/10/25 16:30-17:30	GSEF Palais 2 l'atlantique Room H — Marielle Franco	ESSisation: Deploying a social and solidarity economy in strategic sectors	Round-table on Mainstreaming the Social and Solidarity Economy in Strategic Sectors	ESS France
30/10 15:15 – 16:15	GSEF Palais 2 l'Atlantique Room E	Food social security	The right to food is vital, yet crises and inequality worsen global hunger. Social and Solidarity Economy promotes fair, sustainable food systems based on farmers' rights and ecology. This round table highlights practical SSE solutions and global movements for food sovereignty.	RIPESS Europe, Urgenci, Zmag, Apres Geneve, Transition Minet



31/10 9:00 - 10:00	GSEF Palais 2 l'Atlantique Room C2	SSE across the EU work together for democracy and solidarity	In this session, diverse networks will come together to define common priorities and pathways for action. Amid these challenges, the focus will be on dialogue, solidarity, social justice, democracy, and the fight against inequalities.	SEE, RIPESS Europe
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5. Charter of Principles and SSE Strategy documentation

After one year of collective work within the Foundations Working Circle — and through several workshops held during our previous General Assemblies — we have co-created an updated *Charter of Principles*. During our General Assembly, we'll come together to validate this renewed Charter, a true collective achievement that aims to inspire and guide RIPESS's future actions, alliances, and shared strategy.

After validating the [Charter of Principles](#), we will present a proposed SSE Strategy aimed at reorienting our collective vision and action in response to the challenges and opportunities of this new era. Together, we'll explore the main directions that the SSE movement should take to preserve its transformative character and to effectively respond to current social, economic, and political contexts.

The session will include a short presentation of the strategy proposal, followed by collective discussions to refine and confirm the key orientations. We will also work together to identify concrete actions aligned with the main strategic axes — ensuring that our shared vision translates into meaningful initiatives and stronger collaboration within the RIPESS network.

Read the SSE Strategy Paper [here](#)



6. Online participation

If you cannot be in Bordeaux, this doesn't mean you cannot participate... though unfortunately you will miss the more social, informal and convivial parts of the event! But you are still welcome to be with us virtually... online!

Online connection 01/11/2025. To allow members and observers to participate from a distance and be able to interact as much as possible, we are going to use

- 1) BBB (meet.riess.eu) - Main room to follow the first day of the General Assembly
- 2) If you will be Candidate for CoCo, please fill in [here](#)

7. CoCo Candidates

As our General Assembly meeting approaches, we would like to prepare in time in order to have as many members as possible engaged in the Circles (working groups and decision-making spaces) and nominations for the Coordination committee, which will also be done through the Circles.

To see the document that explains how the new sociocratic structure works press [here](#)

1. Choose an area of interest in which you think you could engage for 1-2 hours a month (or more if you can). That includes a meeting and some time to read / elaborate documents or proposals / activities in any of the following Circles:

- ECOSYSTEMS (promoting SSE territorial / inter-sectoral circuits; inter-cooperation and thematic SSE projects - eg. Youth, Agroecology, Cooperative Housing, Renewable Energy Communities, Solidarity Tourism, etc.)
- RECOGNITION (SSE campaigns, advocacy, policy and positioning, visibility)
- MOUVEMENT BUILDING (alliances, participation in social movements' events, spaces and processes, such as WSF, ECSA, NYELENI, etc.)
- SSE FOUNDATIONS (knowledge commons and action-research, strategy, charter of principles)

and/or in any of the functional ones:

- SHARED GOVERNANCE (institutional and legal issues, improving the governance structure and facilitation, elaborating the internal regulations and organisational policy)
- FINANCE, PEOPLE (HR) AND FUNDRAISING (monitoring and supporting the budget and financial planning and the team's wellbeing)
- COMMUNICATION (internal and external communication strategy and visibility)
- CARE AND MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT (making sure the processes and network spaces are safe and care-full, taking care of the members - especially new and perspective ones)

2. Sign up for the circles here: <https://nextcloud.riess.eu>

3. If you are available to be nominated as Lead or co-lead for a Circle in the Coordination Committee (CoCo), then please say so as well.

Consider that the CoCo meets once a month online, for 2 hours. As Lead you would be expected to convene the Circle meetings and facilitate, with the help (if required) of one of the Team members. The frequency and duration of Circle meetings will be up to its participants - but you might consider



another hour or two a month. So, the minimum engagement as a Lead for the CoCo would be half day a month.

If we are able to distribute among us and involve all of us in the network's activity and decentralised decision making - this will be a big step forward!

Before attending the General Assembly meeting, please make sure to:

- Read all the documentation that you will receive
- Remember to pay the membership fee!
- Help with the event documentation... bring your camera and take pictures, videos... post on blogs, social media any contribution is welcome!

8. Membership fee

Remember to pay your membership fee (100,00 euro) before the General Assembly!

You can pay the fee by bank transfer to:

RIPESS Europe asbl

Bank: Banca Etica – Italy

IBAN: IT77S0501802800000011664091

BIC/SWIFT: CCRITIT2T84A



9. Contact us

Here are the main contacts you can use in case of need:

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See you in Bordeaux!