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Report

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Introduction

For plans to become reality, first we have to be able to imagine them.

On 8, 9 and 10 September 2011, Barcelona hosted the Founding Congress of the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social and Solidarity Economy: RIPESS Europe. The Congress was organised and hosted by XES, the Solidarity Economy Network of Catalonia.

The event brought together in the city of Barcelona 136 representatives of the Social and Solidarity Economy, from Germany, Austria, Belgium, Catalonia, Spain, Flanders, France, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania and Switzerland, along with representatives of European networks for local development, social integration, responsible consumerism, rural development, fair trade, research into the social and solidarity economy, ethical finance, etc.

Other social and solidarity economy networks from Colombia, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia were also invited.

The previous milestones in the RIPESS creation process were Lima 1997, Quebec 2001, Dakar 2005 and Luxemburg 2009. Barcelona 2011 and the founding of RIPESS Europe was an opportunity to go over the long path of struggles and experiences that have marked European social and political history.

The Founding Congress of RIPESS Europe was also an opportunity to highlight that even in the current crisis situation, characterised by greed, competition and individualism, the values of reciprocity, solidarity and egalitarian exchange are being raised.

Finally, the creation of the European Network is an opportunity to claim a future in which we do not wish to follow in the footsteps of the current uncontrolled economic model, and in which we want to and can build a new world.

Some Figures

The RIPESS Europe Founding Congress was one of the most important activities organised by XES since its creation



Programme



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RIPESS EUROPE Foundation Congress Program – Barcelona 2011					
TH8		FR9		SAT10	
		8:30-9:00	Welcoming and registrations		
		9:30-11:30	Plenary Session: Congress' Opening.	9:30-11:00	Working groups (WG's).
		11:30 -12:00	Break.	11:00-11:45	Break
		12:00-13:30	Working groups (WG's).	11:45-13:30	Plenary Session: Working groups' presentation of conclusions.
		13:30-15:30	Lunch.	13:30-15:30	Lunch.
		15:30-16:30	Conference: Social and solidarity based economy as an alternative to capitalism.	15:30-17:00	General Funding Assembly - Assembly mechanism - Presentation and voting of the manifest - Presentation and voting of Statutes - Presentation and voting of the coordination committee. - Presentation of the road map. - Common reading of the manifest.
		16:30-18:00	Working groups (WG's).		
17:30-20:30	Welcoming, registration & presentation of ESS – REAS experiences.	18:00-19:00	Plenary Session: Presentation of candidates to RIPESS-EU coordination committee and network representatives	17:00-17:15	Congress Closure.
				17:30-22:00	Party in Can Fullò General transportation departure from Casa del Mar (Congress placement)

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Conference Report

Demonstrating that there is another way to do economics

8 September 2011

11:30-13:00 PRESS CONFERENCE

Creating Visibility for the Social and Solidarity Economy

On a daily basis we see thousands of solidarity-based economy experiences being created and growing, both in Europe and throughout the world: self-managed production cooperatives, solidarity-based markets, responsible consumerism and food sovereignty initiatives, alternative financing means, time banks, outreach services, environmental and ecological initiatives, gender and pedagogical initiatives, fair trade channels, local development associations, sustainable social enterprises, etc.

In every sphere of economic life, production, marketing and distribution, consumption and finances, new organisations are appearing, which are opening the way forward and aim to overcome the concept of individual profit and capital in the commercial economy and the increasing bureaucracy and hierarchy in the public sector. It is on the basis of these values and experiences that we can and wish to create an economy and a society that are fairer and less predatory and do not lead to the same degree of marginalisation.

The community of these initiatives and of the platforms, consortiums, federations and networks representing them is also seeing an increased will and a higher number of organisation and coordination practices. The current creation of RIPESS Europe is in line with this perspective, and is an opportunity to assert that another economic model is not only possible but above all is necessary.



Congress Spokespersons

Jordi Via - General Spokesperson: Member of the management committee and development director of Arç Cooperativa. Member of the editorial committee of the magazine Nexe, self-management and cooperative economy papers and of Punto Coop. Member of the founding committee of the Global Network of the Solidarity-Based Socio-Economy (World Social Forum in Porto Alegre), member of the permanent assembly of the Solidarity Economy Network of Catalonia (XES) and vice-chairman of FETS (Ethical and Solidarity-Based Financing). Connected to the social and solidarity economy for over 30 years.

Anna Fernández - Spokesperson for responsible and solidarity-based consumerism: Political scientist specialising in international relations and development cooperation. Has been working in the field of international cooperation and education for development for over 10 years. Since 2007, she has combined her work promoting alternatives for the economy in SETEM Catalonia with postgraduate teaching on north-south inequalities, international trade and alternative consumerism.

Carlos Rey - Spokesperson for social markets: Socio-cultural manager and entrepreneur. President of the Solidarity Economy Network of Navarra and the Fiare Association Navarra. Technical secretary of REAS Spain (Network of Alternative and Solidarity Economy Networks). Has worked in the social and solidarity economy for over 30 years.

Jordi Marí - Spokesperson on ethical finances: Economist connected to the social and solidarity economy for over 10 years. Has worked in company consulting and is currently director of FETS (Ethical and Solidarity-Based Financing).

Jordi Estivill - Sociologist and economist. Retired teacher of social policy at the University of Barcelona. Coordinator of anti-poverty programme at International

Labour Organisation (Geneva). Expert on European Union social matters. Director of *Gabinete de Estudios Sociales*, Research Cooperative. He is currently a consultant to the poverty observatories of Lisbon, Barcelona and Budapest. He also teaches social and solidarity economics in Lisbon and collaborates on specialist journals. He has published over forty books.

18:00-20:00 PRESENTATION OF EXPERIENCES



REAS presented various *experiences of the Social and Solidarity Economy, aiming to achieve visibility for the “collective” solidarity economy best practices that are obtaining success.*

These experiences were presented according to seven themes:

- Food Sovereignty
- Fair Trade
- Social Networks
- Ethical Finances
- Ethical and Solidarity-Based Insurance
- Social and Employment Integration
- Environment

It was announced that the videos of some of these best practices could now be seen on the REAS website, along with descriptive reports on them.

9 September 2011

9:30-11:30 PLENARY

PART ONE:

Colleagues from France, Italy and Luxembourg placed the history prior to this Congress in context.

At Quebec 2001, it was felt that activities and events could be organised at an international level, using work at the local level as the foundation. It was truly important to find out what was being done at a local level in other places. After

Quebec, we met again in 2005 in Dakar, which was an opportunity to make contact with RAESS (African Social and Solidarity Economy Network).

At Luxemburg 2009, the economic crisis situation means the debate was focused on hopes for the future. The event was attended by grassroots organisations, with local experiences, but also by international organisations such as the ILO and the OECD. At Luxembourg, the initiative was taken to structure the network at a European level, and it was later decided that its founding event would be held in Barcelona, when the RIPESS Europe Network would be created.



The movement to promote the Social and Solidarity Economy has continued to grow in all areas, and the next meeting of the Intercontinental Network will be in Rio de Janeiro.

Perfecto Alonso, representing the Confederation of Working Cooperatives of Catalonia, Eric Lavillunière, representing RIPESS Intercontinental, and Jordi Via, representing XES, presented their strategic vision for the creation of RIPESS Europe.

RIPESS Europe wishes to build on the basis of a collective message of cooperation and working jointly. This is why it was decided that this event should be organised with delegations from the different organisations that operate in Europe and that they should work in groups on specific themes.

The national Catalan solidarity economy network (XES), which hosted and organised the Congress, stated that, so that plans can be made reality "first we have to be able to imagine them and then we have to get our hopes up. In this opening act we want to share with you what we are imagining and what gets our hopes up".

XES is proposing its vision for a decentralised network, a two-way street making the process easier, which creates links between people and organisations. We are

not aiming to create a supra-structure, but a network that should make it easier to continue along the road we started along so many years ago.

This network should make the process easier, bring dynamism to the entities within it and the solidarity economy itself, and simultaneously and intensely drive creative resistance, a vision of change and the ongoing implementation of a new paradigm. "Through this network we will succeed in setting ourselves up as a social movement. This is our dream".

PART TWO: Jordi Via, Jordi Estivill and Joan Lluís Jornet presented how the internal work in plenary sessions and working groups would function.

The Congress was both a point of arrival and a point of departure. We had been working on the content of this Congress since Luxembourg 2009.



The documents presented had been drawn up in advance. A space was opened to bring up considerations, as over the previous two years the networks of Belgium, Catalonia, France, Luxembourg and Italy had been working on them.

Any good organisation needs a good manifesto to define its ideology. RIPESS Europe's manifesto is based around three elements: Past, Present and Future. From the past we take the wealth of the range of experiences gained in Europe; from the present we emphasise the crisis and the solidarity economy proposals to provide answers; and from the future, the proposals to build a new model of the economy and a new society. We allowed ourselves to make a historical reference, to Barcelona's position as the "rosa de fuego" (rose of fire) of the workers' movement in the early 20th century.

RIPESS Europa will also have Articles Of Association. In reality, we had been working without Articles Of Association and without rules since Luxembourg 2009 and there was perfect understanding. Despite the fact that we had no rules, we

worked according to the principles of dialogue, to listen to each other, consensus, and above all, friendship.

Without abandoning any of these principles, in order to formalise the organisation and register it, the law requires us to have Articles Of Association. The European regulations do not include the possibility of the legal constitution of a network, so it was proposed that the organisation be registered in Luxembourg.

The proposed Articles Of Association state the following:

Who we are: We are European, national with or without state, regional, interregional, sectoral and other networks. These networks are united on the basis of a Manifesto and a Charter of Values: humanism, democracy, solidarity, inclusion, diversity, creativity, equality, equity, justice, sustainable development and others.

Our objectives:

1. Promotion of the Social and Solidarity Economy
2. Exchange of best practices
3. Development of active and responsible European citizens, in solidarity with the rest of the world's population and future generations.
4. Representation in RIPESS Intercontinental

Our governing bodies:

- General Meeting: ordinary and extraordinary
- Coordination Committee
- Coordination Bureau

12:00-13:30 WORKING GROUPS

Participants were split into six working groups to debate and order the key points of a future working strategy for RIPESS Europe.



The working groups worked on the following themes:

1. Mapping: Mapping, extension, identity and cooperation dynamics of Social and Solidarity Economy in Europe.
2. Social Services of General Interest (SSGI): Relations between the public sector and the Social and Solidarity Economy, especially the provision of social services to the community which are of general interest.

3. Local Development: Convergence between the Social and Solidarity Economy and local development strategies and rooting of the economy in the territory.
4. Social Market: Construction and extension of responsible consumerism, of fair trade, of solidarity-based tourism and of ethical finances and insurance.
5. The Social and Solidarity Economy as an alternative to the capitalist system.
6. RIPESS Europe: Strategy, positioning, operating methods, added value and occupying our space in the European debate.

13:30-15:30 LUNCH

NORAI, cultural and social responsibility project of the Barcelona Maritime Museum and the Royal Shipyards Consortium, based on marine gastronomy, provided participants with lunch on the first day of the Congress.



16:00-17:00 PLENARY

Speech by Jordi Garcia: Social and Solidarity Economy as an alternative to capitalism".

We are living through decades that will be decisive for the future of humanity, we are going through a crisis that is not only economic, but also of civilisation, from which we will not emerge in the short term, and we don't know how we will emerge. In the face of this situation, each of us must ask ourselves what we are doing as people wherever we are.

Our entities, and every one of us, must act on two levels: A first level of social cohesion, focused on survival and resistance, by both our organisations and the socio-economic sector we represent: the social and solidarity economy. However,

we must also defend, claim and fight to maintain social spending and employment rights.

A second level of action is also necessary from the personal sphere. Some people believe that by creating new projects, one day they will wake up and things will have changed and the model will be fairer and more democratic. This is very naive. It is true that the Social and Solidarity Economy should be the starting point for the new economy; in fact it already exists within the capitalist economy. However, either we need to accelerate the process or this starting point will come to nothing. We need to achieve a new political, economic and social framework, which must be done by means of revolutionary reforms through the state and civil society.



We must achieve a new economy, which is more democratic and with the following principles:

1. Improved distribution of material wealth, as the current distribution is unfair and unsustainable.
2. Redistribution of jobs: productive and paid, domestic and care, voluntary and training.
3. Democratisation of major economic decisions: local, regional and national.
4. Democratisation of companies.
5. Social utility and ecological sustainability: cooperative eco-democracy. There must be sectors to reconvert and there are sectors that should disappear, such as that of nuclear energy. Each company must be required to submit a social balance sheet, not only a financial one.
6. Other forms of measuring wealth.
7. Market regulated by the state, with social and ecological criteria.
8. Redesign of social services, taking users into consideration.
9. Land should be public, facilitating use by persons.
10. The financial market should not exist: money is not a good but a means of exchange.
11. Current management should be re-examined: we should return to a sovereign and decentralised monetary system.

12. Economic relocation process.

13. Secondary role of international trade and principles of fair trade.

The Social and Solidarity Economy cannot resolve and give answers for everything in a post-capitalist economy, but it can be a cultural reference point on how to reorganise the different sectors of the economy: cooperative management models for public companies, sample social balance sheets, standardisation formulas, social certificates, responsible public economy best practices, cooperative forms of service and credit provision, etc.

17:00-19:00 WORKING GROUPS

Participants were split into the six working groups again to debate and order the key points of a future Road Map for RIPPESSEU Europe.



Saturday 10 September

9:30-12:00 WORKING GROUPS

Participants again split into the six working groups to debate and order their conclusions. Each group nominated a spokesperson to present these conclusions in the Plenary.

12:00-13:30 PRESENTATION OF WORKING GROUP CONCLUSIONS

The spokespersons presented their conclusions and the first lines of action for the RIPESS Europe Road Map were noted.

Veure Annex de Conclusions.

13:30-15:30 LUNCH

NORAI, cultural and social responsibility project of the Barcelona Maritime Museum and the Royal Shipyards Consortium, based on marine gastronomy, provided participants with lunch on the second day of the Congress.



The director of the project explained to the Congress participants the social and employment integration work that NORAI carries out with socially-excluded young people.



16:00-18:00 FOUNDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the Assembly candidatures were presented from each network wishing to be a member of RIPESS Europe (25 in total), from the different categories stipulated in the Articles Of Association: national, regional, local and sectoral. The Manifesto and Articles Of Association were approved, as was the composition of the Coordination Committee and the RIPESS Europe delegation to the Intercontinental network.



18:00 CONGRESS CLOSING

Nine women and one man collectively read the Manifesto using some of the diversity of languages present in Europe: Catalan, Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, French, German, English, Hungarian, Romanian and Arabic.

The cooperative ETCs photographed events throughout the Congress and at the closure presented an audiovisual summary of the three days.

Around one hundred participants went from Casa del Mar to Can Fulló, a space provided by the Col·lectiu Ronda association to celebrate the end of the Congress.

Qualitative Evaluation

The RIPESS Europe Founding Congress was one of the most important activities implemented by XES since its creation. Most of the comments received from participants were clearly or very positive. In this respect, the most qualitative evaluations received were explained on the basis of the following points:

A) The Congress was a point of arrival and a point of departure.

In fact, the Congress was the result of a long and complex process in which many people were involved within the framework of the International Committee and Permanent Committee of XES.

Many people, through time and effort, participated in the following activities:

- national and international preparatory meetings
- drafting the Manifesto and contributing to the Articles Of Association
- discussing and drafting the programme
- fundraising
- organising solidarity accommodation
- managing all the physical infrastructure
- organising the interpreting and translation system
- and development of internal and external communication.

A real effort was made to carry out all of this work democratically and in a united manner. An increasing number of people became involved, from XES and outside it, who worked together. It can now be said that the International Committee is a working group with shared assets, which it did not have before and which can be used in the future.

The Congress is precisely a point of departure for later opportunities, which must be structured and planned. XES now has slightly more of an idea of what organising a European Congress means and it has had the opportunity to meet new people and see different situations and compare them with Catalonia; many personal and collective connections were made. We should not lose sight of this “pedagogical” and interpersonal dimension, which will give results in the future if we are able to cultivate them.

B) XES gave the image of being a united group with a shared theoretical and strategic discourse, and personal attitudes and working methods that are consistent with the values and principles of the solidarity-based economy.

Despite not inviting authorities for the opening and closing, not having large subsidies, charging a registration fee and having a tight budget, they demonstrated that it was possible to produce a high quality Congress. In particular,

we should mention the contribution of volunteers and the strategy of using XES cooperatives and associations for activities that generated income.

XES, as a Catalan network, was able to consolidate itself in terms of national, state and European representation. For XES, the Congress also meant an opportunity for internal affirmation and external visibility. The Congress and XES had a presence in the media, and new people approached XES. Now we need to think about how to maintain and grow these two dimensions.

C) The Congress entailed a series of challenges that were overcome. The following can be highlighted: the balance between moments of debate and organic moments ; the rotation and participation of a maximum of people and the combination of individual prominence and collective moments; the coordination between different cultures, sensitivities, languages and countries; the necessary work and fun; organisational discipline and coexistence; the practical organisation of nearly one hundred and forty people. The Congress more than fulfilled its main objectives.

The Organisation of the congress worked fairly well. Despite the linguistic diversity no participant was lost, and there was no misunderstanding. Information flowed, folders were ready, meals were good and the location appropriate. Everyone was pleased with the self-managed party at Can Fulló. The many expressions of satisfaction and formal and informal thanks from participants from other countries are a significant indicator that the Congress ran smoothly.

Both the organisation of the Congress and its more tangible results (founding documents, representation of networks in RIPESS Europe, composition of Coordination Committee) took into consideration gender equity. At the participation level, there was parity between women and men attending the Congress.

Likewise, the RIPESS Europe founding Articles Of Association themselves promote equal representation of the different networks, favouring the election of those which have a woman and man representing them in the European Network Assembly.

However, there were matters that could have been improved in these terms, in particular: the distribution of roles within the Congress organisation was not equal and certain more laborious but less visible tasks were performed mainly by women, whilst in the composition of the principal representatives on the Coordination Committee there are only three women out of a total of twelve people.

D) In a time of deep crisis, which is greatly affecting productive work but also promoting the development of citizen initiatives in the country, the Congress was a sign of hope achieved by a group of people from different generations and political cultures, who support the solidarity-based economy and who believe that another world is not only possible but above all is necessary.

The RIPESS Europe Network now has a Manifesto, Articles Of Association and Coordination Committee. This allows it to make progress and develop, however it will not be easy as there are major challenges and a scarcity of resources: boosting the solidarity-based economy on a European scale; extending the network in Anglo-Saxon, Scandinavian and Eastern European countries; establishing contact with all European institutions; reinforcing its own discourse and make it more consistent; finding resources which do not compromise our values; having a democratic and transparent system of relations between the Coordination Committee and the different member networks; finding participation mechanisms, especially directed at the weaker networks; avoiding bureaucratic and corporate functioning; being more than just one network of the many that exist on a European scale showing that it applies what it defends.

Composition of RIPESS Europe Coordination Committee

Network	Country	Representatives	
		Principal	Alternate
National networks			
M.E.S. Mouvement pour une Economie Solidaire	France	Marc Alphandery	Josette Combes
KIFESZ Cserehat Village Association	Hungary	Ewa Fekete	Pending confirmation
O.P.E. Objectif Plein Emploi	Luxembourg	Gilles Dacheux	Véronique Medinger
REAS Red de Economia Alternativa y Solidaria	Spain	Iñigo Bandres	Susana Ortega / Liliana Deamicis
X.E.S. Xarxa Economia Solidària	Catalonia	Jordi Estivill	Catherine Arnaud
Regional and Interregional Networks			
CRESAÇOR	Portugal/ Azores	Arturo Martins	Celia Pereira
Pactes Locaux	Various	Priscila Soares	France Joubert
Sectoral Networks			
INEES	Luxembourg	Eric Lavillunière	Agnes Gyolai
IRIS	France	Pending confirmation	Pending confirmation
Solidarius	Italy	Jason Nardi	Soana Tortora
Urgency	Italy	David Marchiori	Morgane Iserte
Experts			
	France	Pascale Delille	

Behind the Scenes

The following organisations contributed to make the Congress possible

Organising Entities

Xarxa d'Economia Solidària de Catalunya (XES Solidarity Economy Network of Catalonia)

Institut Européen pour l'Économie Solidaire – Luxembourg (INESS – European Institute for Solidarity Economy)

XES Entities that provided volunteers

Apassos ASSO.

Arç Cooperativa, SCCL

Barnaciber, SCCL

Centre Autogestionari de Solidaritat amb l'Àrea Llatina

Col·lectiu Ronda

Complementum Consultoria, SL

Demodé Produccions, SCCL

Estratègies Transformació Comunitària Sostenible - ETCs, SCCL

Fundació Desenvolupament Comunitari

Koinós, SCCL

Setem Catalunya

Trèvol, SCCL

Entities that provided financial and in kind support

XES Entities

Col·lectiu Ronda, SCCL

Mol-Matric, SCCL

El Foli Verd, SCCL

Fundación Roca i Galès

Fundación FIARE

L'Olivera, SCCL

Melquior

Setem Catalunya

Other Entities

Agencia Catalana de Cooperación para el Desarrollo (Catalan Agency of Cooperation for Development)

Barcelona City Council

Agencia Española de Cooperación para el Desarrollo (Spanish Agency of Cooperation for Development)

Abacus Cooperativa, SCCL

Atlantis
Casa del Mar – Generalitat of Catalonia

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Solidarity Economy Companies that provided their professional skills to the Congress

Apassos ASSO.
Casa Carmela
Claraboia, SCCL
El Foli Verd, SCCL
Estratègies Transformació Comunitària Sostenible - ETCs, SCCL
Koinós, SCCL
NORAI – Fundació SURT

Entities that gave support to the Congress (members of XES)

Alternativa 3, SCCL
Aposta, Escola de Cooperativisme, SCCL
Aprise-Promocions
Ara_Coop, SCCL
Arç Correduria d'Assegurances, SCCL
Arç Intercooperació Econòmica, SCCL
Arrels Fundació
Associació Andròmines
ATTAC Catalonia
Barnaciber, SCCL
Biciclot, SCCL
Centre Autogestionari de Solidaritat amb l'Àrea Llatina
Centre de Recerca i Informació en Consum
Col·lectiu Ronda, SCCL
Complementum Consultoria, SL
Confederació d'Associacions de Veïns de Catalonia
COOP57, SCCL
Cooperativa Integral
COS Cooperació i Salut, SCCL
Demodé Produccions, SCCL
Ecoinstitut Barcelona
eCOS, SCCL
Educació per a l'Acció Crítica
El Foli Verd, SCCL
El Tinter, SAL

Els Tres Turons
Estratègies Transformació Comunitària Sostenible - ETCs, SCCL
Ex-Libris, SCCL
Federació de Cooperatives de Consumidors i Usuaris de Catalunya
Federació de Cooperatives de Treball de Catalunya
FETS, Finançament Ètic i Solidari
FIARE Fundazioa
Fundació Ciutadania Multicultural
Fundació de Cooperadors de Mataró
Fundació Desenvolupament Comunitari
Fundació Engrunes
Fundació Roca i Galès
Futur Just EI, SL
Gestió i Disseny, SCCL
Gestió Veïnal de Barri, SCCL
Intersindical Alternativa de Catalunya
Koinós, SCCL
L'Apòstrof, SCCL
L'Espai Icària
L'Olivera, SCCL
La Ciutat Invisible, SCCL
La Plana, SCCL
Missatgers Trèvol, SCCL
Mol-Matric, SCCL
Mutualitat Sinera
Nova – Centre per a la Innovació Social
Robafaves, SCCL
Rocaguinarda Cooperativa Cultural
SETEM Catalonia
Sistemes Avançats d'Energia Solar Tèrmica, SCCL
Solidaritat, Desenvolupament i Pau
SOMenergia
Teixidors, SCCL
Xarxa de Consum Solidari

Appendices

Budget Balance Sheet

Manifesto of RIPESSEU Europe Barcelona 2011

Press File

Budget balance sheet

GASTOS		
Costes indirectos	4.135,07 €	10,0%
Organización y coordinación	11.200,00 €	27,0%
Dinamización	6.138,90 €	14,8%
Traducción e interpretación	7.312,58 €	17,7%
Comunicación	1.533,83 €	3,7%
Materiales y soportes publicitarios	1.641,57 €	4,0%
Transportes y paquetería/mensajería	929,94 €	2,2%
Cobertura audiovisual	2.220,00 €	5,4%
Cáterings y restauración	3.342,72 €	8,1%
Viajes y alojamientos deleg. Magrebinas	1.771,23 €	4,3%
Imprevistos	1.200,00 €	2,9%
TOTAL GASTOS	41.425,84 €	100%

INGRESOS		
DONATIVOS	8.800,00 €	21,2%
RONDA	3.000,00 €	7,2%
FIARE	3.000,00 €	7,2%
Fundación Roca i Galés	1.000,00 €	2,4%
ABACUS	1.500,00 €	3,6%
Mol-Matric	300,00 €	0,7%
SUBVENCIONES	28.016,23 €	67,6%
SETEM / AECID	5.016,23 €	12,1%
ACCD	20.000,00 €	48,2%
Ayunt. de Barcelona. Acciones puntuales.	3.000,00 €	7,2%
CUOTAS DE INSCRIPCIÓN	4.641,55 €	11,2%
Inscripciones en efectivo + tiquets comida	2.244,55 €	5,4%
Inscripciones on line	2.397,00 €	5,8%
TOTAL INGRESOS	41.457,78 €	100%

RESULTADO	31,94 €
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MANIFESTO OF RIPESS EUROPE

BARCELONA 2011

THE GLOBALISATION OF SOLIDARITY

LIMA 1997, QUEBEC 2001, DAKAR 2005, LUXEMBURG 2009 are the dates of the key meetings that mark the creation of the international solidarity economy network. The process is currently visiting and meeting in Barcelona, the city named the "Rose of Fire" by the worker's movement in the early 20th century. The aim of this meeting is the birth of the Solidarity Economy Europe network, (RIPESS EUROPE – Réseau Intercontinental de Promotion de l'Économie Sociale et Solidaire, Europe)

We, the representatives of Belgian, Catalan, French, Hungarian, Italian, Luxemburg, Portuguese, Spanish, Swiss and Romanian networks, sectorial and inter-sectorial networks as well as people from Germany, declare that after three fruitful days' work and exchange on the 8th, 9th and 10th of September 2011, we have created the RIPESS EUROPE Network. The network has Articles of Association, and we have elected representatives to the Coordination Committee for the next two years.

The creation of the RIPESS EUROPE Network is a reminder to us all, that we have travelled a long road of struggles and experiences that have marked the social and political history of Europe. Whenever men and women in the smallest village of the Old Continent have come together and developed a collective, emancipatory response to their needs, they have contributed to the progress of the social and solidarity economy. Cooperatives, self-help organisations, organisations of resistance movements, associations, Credit Unions and trade unions as well as popular education circles and universities, encyclopaedia centres, workers' libraries, choirs, theatre companies...they have all progressively become part of our social and cultural heritage; we are both the children born of this heritage and those who intend to continue bearing these ideals forward to the future.

The creation of the RIPESS EUROPE Network provides us with the opportunity to highlight the fact that the current political, economic and social model of organisation is characterised by a desire to achieve profit, competition, individualism and violence against people. Contrary to this, the position of SEE aims to overcome the impacts of the current crisis and to promote organisational approaches from local to global that support freedom, reciprocity, solidarity and egalitarian exchange. We reject both the causes and the consequences of the current crisis. This crisis is the result of speculation on uncontrolled financial flows and an equally uncontrolled economic model that makes people poorer and excludes an increasing number of people and territories. It does so by destroying both the natural and cultural heritage of the whole world.

Meanwhile, thousands of concrete experiences that identify with solidarity economy exist both in Europe and elsewhere in the world. Self-managed producers' cooperatives, solidarity markets,

responsible consumption and food sovereignty, alternative finance, time banks and proximity services, environmental and ecological initiatives, projects that include gender balance and that are pedagogical, fair trade, local development associations and sustainable social enterprises... In all spheres of economic life, production, commercialisation and consumption as well as finance, new organisations are constantly emerging. They are opening up new paths and want to overcome the logic of individual profiteering of capital and trade-based economy, the bureaucratisation and hierarchy of the public sector. The determination and ways of articulating and coordinating this increasing number of initiatives is increasing; we can witness the creation of representative platforms, consortia, federations and networks. This is the perspective in which the present creation of the RIPESS EUROPE Network is situated.

These are the values and the experience upon which we can build, and that we intend to use to build an economy and society that are both fairer, less predatory and more inclusive.

We realise that this will be no easy task. We shall have to face complex and important challenges in the future. Democracy needs to become part of economic life; we need to strengthen and extend our experience, to become less marginal and more visible, and integrate the multitude of economic, social and environmental initiatives at territorial and vertical levels. We also need to develop our critical approach to the traditional economy as well as well as the theory of solidarity economy, to fight poverty, exclusion and inequality, improve the quality of life, respect nature, defend peoples' culture and their right to self-determination, to do away with corporative logic, and promote the general interest of citizens. We also need to call upon and mobilise the public sector, to build alliances and networks with the actors in other social movements. We must assert our legitimacy and gain recognition and become accepted in dialogue with local, regional, national and European authorities. Finally, we do not wish to be limited by European borders, we want to play an active role, and participate in the globalisation of solidarity.

Furthermore, the creation of the RIPESS EUROPE Network provides us with the opportunity to assert that it is possible to build a future that is different from the current uncontrolled economic model, and that it is possible to build another world.

We are of the firm conviction that not only is another world possible, but that it is increasingly necessary.

May the fire of the rose shine on the solidarity economy. From Barcelona we proclaim.

Press File

Economía social contra la crisis. 5.000 entidades de raíz alternativa y dedicadas a la acción solidaria, que implican a más de 100.000 personas, fundan una red europea en Barcelona, El País Social economy against the crisis. 5000 alternative grassroots entities dedicated to solidarity action, which involves over 100,00 people, create a European network in Barcelona, El País

Le Congrès de fondation du Ripess Europe à Barcelone „Engagés pour dessiner un autre monde“

Agnes Goyat, Inees

Le 10 septembre 2011 restera comme un moment historique pour les réseaux d'économie sociale en Europe: la naissance - après plusieurs années de gestation - du réseau Ripess Europe (Réseau Intercontinental de promotion de l'économie sociale et solidaire) - Solidarity Economy Europe.

Le dernier événement marquant s'était déroulé à Schillange en avril 2009 avec les 14^{es} Rencontres de l'Observatoire de la solidarité - Lux '09' réunissant les réseaux et les acteurs de l'économie sociale et solidaire de tous les continents. En voyant la réussite de la construction d'un réseau stable en Amérique du Nord, en Amérique Latine, en Afrique et en Asie, les représentants des réseaux européens ont profité de cette dynamique très forte pour constituer un comité de pilotage européen, qui s'est réuni durant deux ans à Paris, Bruxelles, Venise, Strasbourg et Florence pour arriver finalement à Barcelone la semaine dernière.

Une centaine de représentants des réseaux d'économie sociale ou solidaire provenant d'Allemagne, de Belgique, de Catalogne de France, d'Espagne, de Hongrie, d'Italie, du Luxembourg, du Portugal, du Roumanie, Suisse se sont retrouvés du 8 au 10 septembre 2011 pour le Congrès de Fondation du Ripess Europe.

Lors de ces trois jours tous ces délégués, engagés pour dessiner un autre monde, une économie d'une société plus juste, ont



La tribune d'ouverture du Congrès avec Eric Lavillurière (Inees) (2^e de d.) entre le représentant des coopératives de travailleurs à gauche et celui du réseau d'économie sociale catalan à droite.

échangé, ont travaillé dans six groupes de travail, ont débattu et ont voté les statuts et le comité de coordination d'une association de droit luxembourgeois sur la coordination d'Inees (document bien sûr disponible sur www.ripestt.com).

Cet événement chaleureux a été l'occasion de réunir des centaines de personnes mais plus de renforcer les coopérations existantes et de créer un espace informel pour discuter et réfléchir à l'avenir de l'économie solidaire en Europe en définissant des ac-

tions concrètes à mener dans les années à venir. Les participants ont également rédigé le premier manifeste du Ripess Europe et déclaré qu'ils sont fermement convaincus non seulement qu'un autre monde est possible, mais qu'il est aussi chaque jour plus nécessaire.

Après de longues journées de travail le Congrès s'est terminé par une fête conviviale et multiculturelle à San Palleu, dans une superbe maison rurale catalane traditionnelle située dans la forêt au nord de Barcelone qui appar-

tient au Collectiu Ronda (une coopérative d'avocats qui assure une assistance juridique aux plus faibles).

Il était très intéressant de voir comment ces réseaux ayant de très différents backgrounds culturels et économiques ont réussi à arriver à un consensus et se sont engagés pour continuer à travailler ensemble pour des buts communs. Le Ripess Europe n'a pas vocation d'être une structure de lobbying supplémentaire à Bruxelles mais un espace de construction de citoyenneté so-

ciété promouvant une économie basée sur des valeurs de solidarité, d'humanité et d'équité. Le Grand-Duché est toujours bien représenté avec Olivier Plein Engolj qui est membre fondateur et Eric Lavillurière d'Inees qui a été confirmé comme co-président, euro-

péen au sein de Ripess Intercontinental. Il faut espérer maintenant que cette expertise et légitimité, qui se demande qu'à s'exprimer, puisse aider à la constitution d'une plateforme nationale d'économie sociale plus large telle que l'appelle de ses vœux M. Schneider, ministre délégué à l'économie solidaire, au vu de la 2^e conférence d'économie solidaire qui se déroulera le 24 novembre prochain.

Les six axes du travail du Congrès

- Cartographie, classement, identité et coopération;
- Services sociaux d'intérêt général, relations entre autorités publiques et économie solidaire;
- Facteur locaux, développement territorial, souveraineté alimentaire; les synergies à construire collectivement;
- Communautés responsables, commerce équitable, tourisme solidaire, finances éthiques et construction d'un marché social;
- Ripess Europe: quels stratégies, positionnements, méthodes de travail par documents (pour expertiser et plus-values et comment prendre toute sa place dans le débat européen.

Tageblatt, 14/9/11

Enxarxas per a una Economia Solidària

Les structures de dominació capitalistes, els efectes més injustos i excòtics de les quals ha accentuat la crisi financera, són contestades per noves formes d'entendre l'economia. Amb el propòsit de coordinar aquestes experiències a Europa, els dies 8, 9 i 10 de setembre, a Barcelona, es cons-

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La Europa RIPESS promou l'activitat de les diferents pràctiques alternatives al vell continent

Alts mangos
L'objectiu és coordinar les experiències de les diferents pràctiques alternatives al vell continent

Treball conjunt
Una xarxa d'entitats socials, que amb l'objectiu de reforçar i promoure un model socioeconòmic més just, ha decidit posar en marxa una coordinadora territorial, organitzada en el marc de l'Observatori d'Inees (Observatori Intercontinental de l'Economia Social i Solidària), que es compromet a promoure i defensar aquestes experiències alternatives al vell continent.

El 10 de setembre de 2011, a Barcelona, s'ha constituït la Xarxa Intercontinental de Promoció de l'Economia Social i Solidària (RIPESS), resultat d'un llarg treball per a en el qual hi ha implicades nombroses entitats i col·lectius socials del vell continent. Els dies 8, 9 i 10 de setembre, a Barcelona, es constitueix la Xarxa Intercontinental de Promoció de l'Economia Social i Solidària (RIPESS), resultat d'un llarg treball per a en el qual hi ha implicades nombroses entitats i col·lectius socials del vell continent. Els dies 8, 9 i 10 de setembre, a Barcelona, es constitueix la Xarxa Intercontinental de Promoció de l'Economia Social i Solidària (RIPESS), resultat d'un llarg treball per a en el qual hi ha implicades nombroses entitats i col·lectius socials del vell continent.

La igualtat, l'ocupació, el medi, el caràcter no lucratiu, la cooperació i el respecte per l'entorn què l'Economia Solidària

La conferència, on hi participaran desenes de xarxes i de plataformes d'entorns d'economia social, de l'Observatori d'Inees, és el resultat d'un llarg procés de diàleg que arrenca l'any 1993 a Lima, capital del Perú, i que té la primera sol·licitud del RIPESS i que continua amb les convocatòries que continua amb les convocatòries

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Cooperatives i entitats socials aposten per donar una resposta justa a una crisi que és causada per la reducció dels salaris

Horitzó Rio 2012

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Merca d'ortofrutas i altres productes de l'hort del Rebost del Delta

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Transformacions, 7/9/11

L'entrevista Jordi Via

Vinculat a l'economia social des de fa més de 30 anys, Jordi Via és un dels impulsores de la Xarxa Europea de Promoció de l'Economia Social i Solidària, amb la qual milers d'empreses volen reforçar la cooperació per guanyar pes i visibilitat.



EL PUNT AVUI+

“L'economia solidària no és beneficència”

Xavier Alegret
BARCELONA

Economia social i solidària?
Essem en una crisi sisèmica, i que no només és financera sinó també energètica, mediambiental, social, de valors i de civilització. En aquest context, l'economia social i solidària és una forma d'entendre i practicar l'economia on l'eix central és la persona. Es desenvolupa aprofundint en la democràcia, la participació i el compromís amb la comunitat, sense des del punt de vista social com des de l'econòmic.

Fan economia paliativa?
No som una economia només paliativa, de supervivència. No és beneficència. Com la resta d'empreses, operem en tots els sectors. I som moltes empreses. Fonamentalment cooperatives, societats laborals, empreses d'inservici, però també entitats que desenvolupen activitats econòmiques, com alguna fundació i associació.

Què tenen en comú les empreses

socials i solidàries?
El concepte de benefici passa per la generació de triple excedent. Hem de guanyar diners, com les altres empreses; hem de generar excedent social, és a dir, les persones que intervinem en l'activitat econòmica hem de millorar com a persones, i hem de generar excedent social.

Què vol dir excedent social?
Productes i serveis socials. No provoquem incidència social o mediambiental negativa, essem implicats en la nostra comunitat pel que fa a l'aportació de recursos en àmbits de dinamització social. I també som molt més resistents a la deslocalització que les empreses convencionals. Per tant, són factors determinants en el desenvolupament local.

Quantes empreses són?
A Europa ens hem associat més de 5.000 empreses i entitats amb més de 100.000 persones implicades. A Catalunya, el conjunt de l'economia social i solidària són

milers d'empreses, però agrupades en la nostra xarxa som un centenar, amb més d'un miler de treballadors. És difícil quantificar-les si no s'associen, perquè dins de l'economia social i solidària tenim tot el cooperativisme, per exemple, i tenim una quantitat de cooperatives molt important. Però és poc conegut, perquè lamentablement quan es parla d'economia s'acaba parlant només de la gran empresa.

Tenen un problema de volum?
Més gran no sempre és millor, depèn del sector. Les empreses cooperatives plantejem intercooperació, que ens reforci des del punt de vista comercial, tecnològic, etc. Podem ser grans intercooperant.

Què és el que els demanen a les administracions?
Que despleguin polítiques socioeconòmiques, no polítiques socials per una banda i econòmiques per l'altra. I contrapartides. No volem subvencions, demanem contrapartides en relació amb la funció social que té l'economia solidària.

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