



**RIPESS EUROPE – Solidarity Economy Europe
5th General Assembly**

Workshop 2

Rethinking the economy

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Main objective: *starting from the foundations of economic science, to define the implications on the management of a solidarity economy enterprise and the means implemented in accompaniment to the project building and training of the initiators and associates.*

1) Restarting from the foundations of Economy

- Reference: Weber
- Differences in economy
- Semantic approach
- Community need
- Cooperativism
- Etc.

2) Thematic issues

- Market
- Profits/benefits
- Growth
- Management
- Capital
- Marketing
- Relations between Producers/Consumers (Pro-sumers)
- Competition/Cooperation
- Participative evaluation / audit
- Standard of living (decent income)
- Local currencies
- Etc

3) Defining some principals

Brainstorm (not final):

- Start from the needs
- Social utility
- Democracy / Participation
- Deliberation
- Etc.

Next steps:

- Writing of the document "The foundations of the economy" (Karl B.)
- Choice of 3 thematic issues (to start)
 - o Competition / Cooperation - alternatives to the market: theme that will be object of discussion in the next meetings of the «Rete di economia solidale» (Italy) – [Ada R.]
 - o Local currencies / social currencies: creation of a wiki? Group initiatives at the WSF in Montréal? (Antonin C.)
 - o Participatory evaluation: what tools to share to identify needs in the community and promote solidarity economy projects (via incubators for example) [Eric L.]