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Introduction

The RIPESS Europe General Assembly took place from the 4th to the 6th of July 2019 in Lyon, France. It was an opportunity for RIPESS Europe members to meet, share their activities and analysis and define the network's priority lines and strategies. Thus, these three days were devoted to meetings and exchanges on the different themes related to the Network and SSE in general. With the support of 3 interpreters, the General Assembly was held in French and English.

Participants: **32**

Members represented: **28** (22 members + 2 new members + 4 proxy votes)

Observers: **4**

Program

Thursday, July 4, 2019: Conference/roundtable on "Cities and SSE: Practical policies to transform the economy"

- I. Conference/round table Cities and SSE
- II. LVED Label Evening

Friday, July 5, 2019: Part I RIPESS Europe GA

- I. Opening of the GA 2019 (15m)

- II. The World Social Forum of Transformative Economies: where we stand, the role of RIPESS, member participation, what we want to contribute (1h)
- III. Validation of the agenda and proposal of priority themes to be discussed (15mn)
- IV. Presentation of new members and videoconferencing (30m)
- V. Visits to SSE initiatives and participation in dialogues in the Humanities

Saturday, July 6, 2019: Part II RIPESS Europe GA

- I. Opening
- II. Presentation of the 2018 Activity Report
- III. Presentation of the 2018 Financial Report
- IV. Discussion and vote
- V. Amendment of Article 2 of the Association's Statutes
- VI. Nominations for the Coordination Committee and voting
- VII. Nomination of new members and voting
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Thursday, July 4, 2019

I. Conference/roundtable on "Cities and SSE: practical policies to transform the economy»

This three-sessions meeting aimed to highlight approaches for the implementation of trans-local and open source municipal policies that are transforming our communities and changing economic practices in many sectors such as food, energy, trade, transport, housing, tourism, health and finance. This is a prelude to the WSFTE (World Social Forum of Transformative Economies) in Barcelona in 2020.



A heartfelt opening speech was given by **Dounia Besson**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Lyon and representative of RTES. She welcomed the members of RIPESS Europe and the other participants to the conference. She also mentioned her privilege to receive the members of RIPESS Europe and

to participate in the organisation of this round table as well as the RIPESS Europe GA. *"We believe that cooperation between local authorities and SSE actors is one of the keys to the development of an economy that truly meets the needs of*

residents, before serving profits to invisible and anonymous shareholders", she said.

Part One: Transforming Cities through SSE Practices and Public Policies

Facilitated by **Jason Nardi**, General Delegate of RIPESS Europe



Dounia Besson uses the example of Lyon City Council to illustrate her comments on the transformation of cities through SSE and public policy practices. The award of the **LVED** (Lyon ville équitable et durable – Lyon fair and sustainable city) label, which will follow the round

tables, provides an opportunity to get to know the variety of Lyon's SSE initiatives.

Jeanine Verna, Director of the **Arobase** vocational training centre, focuses on the importance of training in ensuring the sustainability of SSE initiatives. The Arobase centre, which offers training in this field, builds the capacity of actors as an essential capital for the development of SSE in a territory and helps in the transformation of cities. They have successfully worked with online trainings on social entrepreneurship, through a European project in collaboration with XES (Catalunia) and REVES.

Julie Maisonhaute of Commerce équitable France closes this session and calls the attention on the Fair Trade movement

taking root more and more in modern societies through alliances with many local authorities (more than 2000 in the Fair Towns network today) as well as citizen initiatives to promote sustainable production and consumption.

Part Two: Citizen Movements - Transformative Cities

Facilitated by: **Josette Combes**, MES



Following **Josette Combes'** contextualization, **Melissa Koutouzis** of the Trans National Institute (TNI) presents the [Transformative Cities Award and the Atlas of Utopias](#), now in its second year. This is a program to identify and

map urban life transformation initiatives and practices that aim to engage governments and communities in promoting alternative ways to meet basic needs. The collaboration with RIPESS at the international level from this edition shows the importance of SSE in its various initiatives.

Geneviève Brichet of Mouvement Utopia et Collectif pour une transition citoyenne: [Pacte pour la transition](#) (Pact for a citizen-led transition) explains how in France they created a common set of public policy measures within the framework of municipalities and communities based on several citizen movements that are promoters of this pact, in view of the municipal elections that will take place in France in 2020.

Part Three: Convergence between initiatives to transform the economy and to free humanity

Facilitated by : **Drazen Simleza**, RIPESS Europe Coordinator

Elisabeth Voss, from NETZ für Selbstverwaltung und Selbstorganisation (Germany), highlighted the difficulty of movements in Germany to converge in different areas and the importance of getting involved in urgent issues such as climate change, which mobilise young people beyond organised civil society activists. The theme of labour is also very important.

Iris Avinoa, from the organising committee of the WSFTE (World Social Forum of Transforming Economies) in Barcelona, presented the progress of the Forum and in particular the challenges posed by the diversity of approaches that must be both respected and incorporated into a concerted and articulated approach.



Jean Rossiaud, from APRES-GE in Switzerland, presented the Jai Jagat 2020, an initiative led by the Ekta Parishad movement in India and in particular by Rajagopal (called by some the "new Gandhi"). It is a 10,000 km march that will begin on October 2, 2019 at Mahatma Gandhi's resting places in New Delhi, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth, and will continue in 16 countries (Pakistan, Iran, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Northern Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia and Italy) to reach Geneva in Switzerland on September 26, 2020.

Finally, as the Dialogues en Humanité annual international gathering was taking place in Lyon at the same time as the RIPESS Europe GA, **Geneviève Ancel**, it's coordinator, presented the spirit and philosophy of the event: resistance against what debases our humanity, building spaces for dialogue. This year, the Dialogues en Humanité were entitled "Let's talk about tomorrow", around 3 major themes: "All responsible for the rights of each and every one", "Tomorrow, all nomads, tomorrow, all migrants" and "Inventing tomorrow by questioning the stories that shape our lives".

II. LVED Label dinner party



The round table was followed by the presentation of the LVED (Lyon Ville Equitable et Durable) label in the main courtyard of the Town Hall with this year's laureates, an ethical fashion show and then a dinner aperitif.

Friday, July 5, 2019: part 1 RIPESS Europe GA

I. Opening of the GA 2019

Drazen Simlesa, coordinator of RIPESS Europe and chairman of the meeting, opens the general assembly. He is assisted by Jason Nardi, General Delegate of the network officiating here as session secretary. After welcoming everyone, a round of presentations is done and the members introduce themselves.

II. World Social Forum on Transformative Economies

Invited by RIPESS Europe in the context of its General Assembly, Iris Avinoa, updates on the process of co-construction of the Forum after the preparatory meeting in April and the involvement of international networks for the next meeting in July and moderates this phase and answers members' questions on the WSFTE.



Here are the main questions and answers that were discussed:

WSFTE meeting 18-19 July

- Can we make suggestions to the list of networks that are invited to participate in the July meeting?

The list for the July meeting is closed but the process is open, and we must continue to add actors related to transformative economies by 2020.

Link with the territories and other convergence processes

- How do we link the non-violent economy movement with the WSFTE?

- How can each territory be linked to the Forum process?

Self-management of each territory according to its reality. In Barcelona, 4 movements were organized and they created an "inter-movement" space in which the convergence took place.

Online participation: a virtual platform is being organized to facilitate participation and discussion from any territory. There is a Commission working on it; it will be announced when it is operational. We also encourage the organisation of preparatory forums and related events; such as the Jai Jagat march.

- MES Forum (France): request the support of the WSFTE organizing team to publicize the process and use it to establish networks.

The FSMET technical team provides support and guidance.

- Territorial representation

We need RIPESS support to reach territories where we do not yet have enough representatives (especially in Asia and Africa).

Content

- It is necessary to create a document with the points that link us to all organizations working in the field of transformative economies.

Web: a basic document already exists, but it is true that it responds to the local reality of Barcelona / Catalonia. It should be reviewed with a more global approach.
<https://transformadora.org/en/transformative-economies>

III. Approval of the agenda and proposal of priority themes to be discussed

Several proposals were made and after discussions, the agenda of the second part of the RIPESS Europe GA is validated as follows:

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IV. Presentation of new members and videoconferencing



This session was opened by a videoconference with Colm Massey (Solidarity Economy Association, UK) and Olga Polyakova (Trava, Russia). Colm Massey explained, among other things, the mapping activity they did in Oxford [[see web article](#)]

and the cooperation with cooperatives in Rojava, northern Syria. Olga presented her organization, Trava (see below).

4 organisations applied to join RIPESS Europe and were given 10 minutes each to present themselves:

[AAE](#) – An Ait Eile Cooperative of Ireland. Represented here by Eamon Molonay at Kevin Flanagan, this association established in 2015 aims to encourage and facilitate the creative community in Western Ireland by providing a sustainable and locally managed platform and market for the region. It aims to establish an integrated community cultural space that offers independent artists, emerging talents and small organizations. It is now within the RIPESS Europe network that it will make its way.

[KSOE](#) - Katholische Sozialakademie Österreichs of Austria. It is an academy of education and advice. Socio-ethical thinking and action are our guiding principle. The objective of its services is to support individuals and organisations that are actively involved in social change. Within the framework of various cooperations, it works for a better life for all. Supported here by Markus Blumel, who has not failed to underpin its missions,

objectives and action plan, RIPESS Europe now has KSOE in its ranks as a member.

[NETZ](#) - NETZ für Selbstverwaltung und Selbstorganisation e.V. NETZ is an association for the Promotion and Support of Selforganisation and Solidarity Economy. Represented by Elisabeth Voss, it is an alternative to independent and autonomous projects, small and micro-enterprises and cooperatives. It aspires to a global democratization of the economy and society. To achieve this objective, it is committed to involving people in the development of economic enterprises and society. Thus it is involved, among other things, in the field of cooperative management as well as in anti-privatization and remunicipalization initiatives.

[TPABA](#) (Grassroot) - Trava Education of Russia is an organization to get to know the city of St Petersburg. Share experiences of change. Thematic discussions on sexuality, illegal substances and death. Also, to listen to others and learn self-organization. "Grass" started in the summer of 2014 with 33 conferences and workshops on small projects, the city and self-development in parks, squares and embankments. Since then, we have been organizing year-round educational events on politics and culture in friendly venues.

V. Visit of SSE initiatives and participation in Dialogues en Humanité

This section opens with a guided tour of the 4th arrondissement and its surroundings by Dounia Besson. It is at the restaurant "Halles de Martinière", a collaborative place dedicated to sustainable food, labelled LVED, that the visit continues as well

as the presentation of the solidarity grocery store "Passerelle d'eau de Robec".

The visit ends with the discovery of LocauxMotiv' - shared space (or third place). One of the initiatives presented is Le Carillon, a local network of shopkeepers and residents in solidarity with homeless people.



After this, it is time to join the Dialogues en Humanité, which

take place in the Parc de la tête d'or.

The day ends with a dinner at the vegetarian restaurant "Soline", also labelled LVED.

Saturday 06 July 2019: Part II RIPESS Europe GA

Agenda

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On July 6, 2019, in Lyon, the members of the RIPESS Europe association met at the Town Hall of the 4th arrondissement of Lyon located at Boulevard de la Croix Rouse in an extraordinary General Assembly convened by the Coordination Committee in May 2019. The following documents were attached to the invitation:

- Activity report
- Call for applications to the Coordination Committee
- Programme and logistics
- Proxy to vote
- Proposal for the Scientific Committee

The Assembly is chaired by Mr. Drazen Simlesa, Network Coordinator.

He is assisted by a session secretary, Mr. Jason Nardi, General Delegate of the network.

The meeting is called to order at 9.40 a.m.

I. Opening

Jason Nardi, opens the meeting and thanks the members present for attending this second part of the General Assembly. In his introduction he mentions the presentation (made the previous day) of the organisations willing to join the network as well as a brief report of the previous General Assembly.

Before reading the agenda adopted unanimously, a video by Esther Vidal of the "Commissionat de l'Economia Social y Solidaira" and the network of Municipalities for SSE in Catalonia is presented in which she expresses their interest in joining RIPESS Europe network.

II. Presentation of the 2018 Activity Report



Jason Nardi with the help of Drazen Simlesa and Josette Combes presents the activity report for 2018.

The RIPESS Europe action plan has three dimensions:

1. The internal dimension (strengthening and widening the network, projects with members and partners):

- Expanding the network, stimulating the potential of the field work and maintaining working groups:

a) In April 2018, in collaboration with Commons.fi (Finnish member), we organised the first NESEM - North European Solidarity Economy Meeting - in Helsinki (during the Finnish Social Forum), with representatives from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Estonia and Russia. It was a good meeting but no further action followed because there is a need for support in the facilitation of these regional networks.

(b) The RIPESS Europe GA 2018 was held in Zagreb (Croatia) at the invitation of the Good Economy Platform - Dobra Ekonomija, which organised its annual congress. The GA took place following this very rich event. We have met groups from Serbia and other Balkan region and there is the need for concrete follow-ups. There have been several improvements in terms of cooperation among members.

c) During the 2018 GA, three new members, all from Eastern Europe, applied: Our Good Land (Наша Добра Добра Добра Добра in Macedonian), Macedonia; Fair & Bio Coop, Czech Republic; Fairtrade Poland Foundation (Koalicja Sprawiedliwego Handlu in Polish).

- Ongoing projects

a) Several European projects are underway. In 2018, the Erasmus+ SSE.IVET project, which brought together 7 countries, was completed but an extension was approved. It was launched at a transnational meeting in Timisoara, organised by CRIES, the Romanian organisation that has been a member of RIPESS EU since its creation. It should make it possible to set up pilot training courses for trainers of

Vocational education training so that they can integrate SSE into their curriculum. This strategy aims to reach young people as a priority through these training courses.

(b) Another European project led by the Ekumenik Academy in Prague aims to promote SSE in Central and Eastern European countries through training and networking modules - with meetings scheduled for 2019 and 2020.

(c) Several other European projects are under consideration or have been submitted (7 in total, plus an associated partnership with EPOG - Erasmus Mundus / UTC Sorbonne University). They support intense collaborations and exchanges of knowledge and experience that mutually reinforce the participants.

- Work on the co-construction of public policies

Several strategies have been developed by members to encourage political and institutional leaders to redirect their policies towards a more sustainable and balanced economy and to continue advocacy and co-construction of public policies.

A new contact is the NGO Utopia, which is very active in the field of participatory budgets.

Ongoing work on public policy mapping has involved Socioeco and resulted in the participation in the "Europe we want" campaign, Cities of Change (renamed Urban Alternatives) and the Transformative Cities / Atlas of Utopias initiative.

RIPESSE Eu does not manage projects but coordinates, with at least one of the network members in each project, ensuring that there are several to promote cooperation.

As the next Erasmus call for projects is close, we should think about the subject to be proposed now.

2. **The international dimension (education and the European dimension)**

RIPeSS Europe is very active in the International RIPeSS Working Group on Education and the Campaign for a Global SSE Curriculum. A video presentation of RIPeSS Europe was produced and broadcast during the meeting in Kibera (Kenya, 8-11 December 2018). The objective in this GA is to consolidate a working group on education in Europe.

- RIPeSS Europe was invited to participate in Lyon at the International Socially Responsible Tourism Network (OITS) last October.

- SSE webinars are in progress and RIPeSS Europe ensures that the European dimension of the solidarity economy is represented

- We have started a collaboration with different actors on the change of our imaginary on the economy and Europe (with Friends of the Earth, for example) and we will need expertise on topics related to the notion of "vocabulary" (importance of words). How to change the mainstream culture through SSE.

- Partnerships have been established in the field of fair trade and ecologically responsible tourism (food, housing, etc.)

- Josette and Jason represent RIPeSS Europe on the RIPeSS International Board until 2020. Several virtual meetings have taken place and the group is expected to participate in the Barcelona WSFTE.

3. The external dimension (convergence and communication)

- Organize convergences

The World Social Forum which took place in Salvador de Bahia in March 2018 enabled us to continue what we had begun in Montreal by organizing the convergence of organizations working alternative economic practices (now WSF of Transformative Economies). Discussions continued during the GA in Zagreb last year. Since then, we have continued to increase the number of meetings and working sessions on this theme.

- Develop a communication strategy in connection with Ecosol and alternative media

The objective here is to create a network of European independent and cooperative media working on alternative economies. In February 2018, a working seminar was held in Villarceaux (Paris) to help set up an alternative media network.

- Socioeco: an increasingly fruitful collaboration

The relationship between RIPESS Europe and Socioeco is further strengthened with numerous developments in the field of specific mapping, alternative media and resource centres. Thus, Socioeco constitutes an enormous resource library with more than 6,046 publications and 1,661, as well as 265 training courses and 704 sites. Members are invited to send their documents and multimedia works to Françoise Wautiez, who manages socioeco.org.

- For a paradigm shift in organizational models

The convergence work under the FSMET is beginning to bear fruit and we are receiving invitations around the world to participate in collective campaigns, advocacy and demonstrations. Thanks to the work of the members, the network is gaining momentum in the international arena.

- Advocacy

An important opportunity for advocacy has been the participation of RIPESS Europe in the European SSE Forum organised in the European Parliament in Brussels. We must decide how much time and energy we shall devote to it with the newly elected parliament.

- Prospects

The Coordination Committee met in Elne (France) in January 2018 and decided on a three-year action plan based on priorities defined during the GA in Athens among which education and youth implication.

- [See activity report](#)

III. Presentation of the 2018 Financial Report



Bruno Lasnier, treasurer of the network, presented the financial report for the year 2018.

The presentation of the financial report was not final because there was a technical problem that did not allow us to go through with it.

As a result, it is not possible to validate the accounts at this time. Reason why a proposal has been made to the members of the GA to give a proxy to the Coordination Committee to validate the accounts at their next meeting.

Nevertheless - on the basis of a controlled provisional budget and a secure financial situation, both by the volume of its own

funds, which essentially finance the cash flow requirement, and by obtaining a multi-year agreement from the FPH, which guarantees a significant part of the financing of RIPESS actions over 3 years – the treasurer declares that the situation of RIPESS Europe is economically sustainable provided that it continues to develop other sources of funding, in particular through its participation in European projects such as ERASMUS+ and other contributions from foundations and partners who are committed to supporting the network's transformative vision and actions.

As part of the development of its activity, RIPESS EU needs to strengthen the internal control of its management tools. The resumption of accounting by the treasurer was a good thing for 2017, but 2018 shows the limits of the tools we use, it is now a question of providing the coordination with management tools more in line with the monitoring of the activity and which make it possible to better manage the cost accounting for a more precise monitoring of the projects. It is also useful to better manage its cash monitoring to eventually obtain financial income from it which will cover the financial charges and finally to prepare the structure to possibly manage the public financing which it would obtain in particular from the European Community.

Resolutions:

After having heard and debated this Financial Report, the General Assembly adopts the following resolutions:

1. Give a proxy to the Coordination Committee to approve the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

2. Affect the result of this financial year if it results in any deficit in the "retained earnings" account of the balance sheet.
3. Grant the Coordination committee to be discharged for its financial management by adopting the resolutions presented
4. Call for the implementation of accounting audited by a chartered accountant in 2019
5. Finally, to improve the transparency of the management of RIPES EU and in accordance with our Articles of Association, which provide for the appointment of two auditors by the General Assembly in order to give them a mandate to audit the accounts, the General Assembly appoints Bruno Lasnier and Vera Gjokaj for a period of 3 years as auditors for RIPPES Europe.

[See financial report \(version re-elaborated after the GA\)](#)

IV. Presentation of the Scientific Committee Proposal

The RIPPES Advisory Committee was created 4 years ago. It is composed of 4 members and has been coordinated by Jordi Estivill, Rogerio Roque Amaro and Jean Louis Laville. They produced a document developed with input from members on SSE and social innovation.

Laura Aufrère and Jean Louis Laville proposed to be more operational and to create a scientific committee. They are sending a proposal and since they could not be present, it was presented by Jason Nardi.

The main points of this proposal are:

- *Suggestion of the name of a scientific rather than advisory committee and the strengthening of the capacities of this committee for the development of scientific work dedicated to the social solidarity economy;*
- *Participate in the documentation of RIPESS Europe members' work - improve knowledge sharing and understanding of each member's activities and context;*
- *Contribute to RIPESS Europe's participation in the FSMET under two main headings, namely: Feminism (s) and the social and solidarity economy: new challenges and decolonising the social and solidarity economy from the "social business": organising resistance.*
- *Open this committee to up to 15 people to strengthen work.*

[See the full proposal](#)

V. Amendment Of Article 2 of the Statutes Of the Association

Bruno and Eric presented the proposed amendment to Art. 2, adding a paragraph to allow RIPESS Europe to have legal recognition in other countries. It is suggested that COCO could decide to open operational offices in any country where there are already members, as this would open up some public funding (such as European projects): obligation to have employees of the organisations (and not members). The address of the headquarters is also changed by indicating only the city.

[See the full proposal presented by Bruno](#)

VI. Discussion and voting

- Financial report

Proposal 1:

It is proposed to give a proxy to the COCO for the approval of the financial report.

Vote: all in favour / consensus

Proposal 2:

Professional accounting for the financial administration of RIPESS

Vote: all in favour / consensus

Proposal 3:

Have auditors for the financial report every year. Bruno Lasnier and Vera Gjokaj are nominated.

Vote: all in favour / consensus

- Activity Report 2018.

Proposal:

Approval of the activity report by the GA

Vote: all in favour / consensus

- Proposal of the Scientific Committee

Debate:

Several comments and questions emerged during the ensuing discussion. Between the most relevant points that members raised:

- The logic of the research-actors which is very important and must be continued. The 2 proposed axes are very interesting. We can start on these 2 axes before we see how to go further. Others do not find that these proposed thematic topics are a priority in RIPESS Europe's work (prefer to build rather than resist). Some confirm that the feminist dimension is essential in our work, to make things happen.

- Care should also be taken to ensure that the committee acts as a separate body from the rest of the network. Gender balance is considered to be very important for the composition of the Committee (that there are not only men involved but also women researchers). Also, the Scientific Committee should inform the rest of the members of their interventions. It was also stressed that RIPESS should not be seen as a testing ground for researchers.

- The new committee members should be validated somehow by the Coordination Committee. A question was raised about whether the Committee is requesting a budget or finding funds for its activity. The answer is that the Committee is not asking for a contribution from the RIPESS Europe budget, but is going to find autonomous funds for research.

- There are not many researchers from Eastern Europe - how can we include them?

This group must be considered as something new. We can't decide for them, we have to meet together to discuss it.

Proposal:

Postpone the vote and create a working group to discuss the operating conditions with the Scientific Committee being set up and give a mandate to the Coordination Committee to validate the proposal that will emerge

Vote on postponing the vote: 12 in favor; 3 abstentions; 6 against

- Proposal to amend Article 2 of the Association's Articles of Association and vote

Art.2. The registered office of the Association shall be located at ~~1, rue de Moulin~~
~~L-3857 Schiffflange, L-4251~~ Esch/Alzette, Luxembourg.

The Coordination Committee may decide to open operational offices in any country where there are already members.

Vote: all in favour / consensus

- Renewal of the Coordination Committee (CoCo) and voting

- The CoCo is composed of 7 to 15 members (one person + one additional person who can help and actively participate).
- The CoCo meets 3 to 4 times a year (in person and online).
- The role of the CoCo is to orient and facilitate the overall coordination of RIPESS Europe activities.
- The members of the Board of Directors are natural persons, but they represent legal entities. The two representatives should possibly be a woman and a man.

3 organizations have completed their term at CoCo and have applied for a new term. It is about:

- UFISC (France) - Patricia Coler and Laure Hubert-Rodier
- ADEPES / MES Occiaanie - Berenice Dondoyne and Cedric Dupas
- ZMAG - Drazen Simlesa and Vera Gjokaj

Proposal:

Reconfirmation of CoCo members

Vote: all in favour / consensus

New COCO members:

- REDPES (Portugal) - Luciane Lucas Dos Santos and Julio Ricardo
- APES (France) - Olivia Mailfert

Vote: all in favour / consensus

Change of Urgenci representative at the COCO - instead of Judith Hitchman, a new representative is Isabel ÁLVAREZ VISPO

Vote: all in favour / consensus

- Application for membership and voting of new members

ENSIE and Autre Terre are no longer RIPESS Europe members.

Proposal 1:

New members of the EU RIPESS:

1. TRAVA (Grassroots) - Russia
2. Ait Eile Cooperative - Ireland

3. NETZ für Selbstverwaltung und Selbstorganisation - Germany
4. KSOE - Austria

Vote: all in favour / consensus

Other proposals:

Jason: There is an informal proposal from Marion Pouzoulet, who has been an intern of RIPESS Europe in Barcelona and is available to make links between all the trainees at RIPESS Europe to start a work of sharing experiences (no plan defined in advance but to be considered). This can also be the beginning of a RIPESS Europe youth group.

VII. Working groups

Group 1 > Youth and education, training and research: creating a European platform?

Group 2 > Public policies: local and post-European elections, our proposals

Group 3 > FSMET and territorial convergence: possible alliances and partnership

VIII. Report of working groups and action plan

1st working group

Context:

1. The ERASMUS+ VET2 project (led by APDES, Portugal) is working to set up a training of trainers programme for young people.



2. International Group - global curriculum program for SSE on which we are working in conjunction with the Campaign for a Global Curriculum. The objective of the work must be defined. RIPESS Europe would like to involve more people in the international group of RIPESS members who are already

working on education issues in their country? The RIPESS International Education Working Group is planning a collective working week in Jackson Mississippi Cooperative, USA (a cooperative very well known for its struggles for black rights) (2nd week of November 2019). To share, the spirit of education in Europe + the material we have (all the projects we have in Europe). A programme is drawn up and submitted for approval to the next RIPESS International Board of Directors.

Two topics:

- Research and training
- Education

Proposal: RIPESS will create an SSE research database

1. Mapping SSE training programmes/projects in each RIPESS member country and promoting SSE modules
2. Create a pool of project ideas that we have in our countries as a "platform" for cooperation for application in future joint projects that will use it.
3. RIPESS to help countries launch a debate on SSE education
4. The Scientific Committee should be a promoter of what RIPESS is doing in this area. We need to discuss what this committee should do, what role it should play and how it could

do it. The pool of themes / researchers to be created. Establish a working group to discuss the role of the Scientific Committee. RIPESS to create an HSE research shop.

List of researchers - to find the best research and promote it.

List of topics

List of non-academic / practitioners & actions of RIPESS members

Two ways to integrate SSE into education:

- How to promote alternative education programmes
- How to bring our programs to life

The role of the Scientific Committee is to call on all RIPESS members to organize a team for this topic on education.

An online course from MOOC - Synergia Institute had an online course - international and English

1. Help countries to launch a debate on SSE education
2. The exchange of experiences - many things are related to the creation of a curriculum, but we must take into consideration the exchange between the countries of Eastern and Western Europe.
3. Bringing the practical experience of the SSE to gain experience / Geneva has a module for the project like this one

2nd working group summary

Context:

As one of the objectives of RIPESS Europe is to focus on the public policy dimension, the aim here is to encourage various political leaders to set up strategies to promote a sustainable economy.



This also involves supporting the advocacy actions of its various members in their local contexts. Thus, based on a comparative study of the existing situations in each country and an inventory of public policies in the field of the social and solidarity economy (Socioeco), the

pursuit of the work consisting in the co-construction of SSE public policies is envisaged.

Angles of approach: Co-construction of public policies and Advocacy actions

Proposition:

RIPESSE Europe should:

- Take stock of the issue of SSE public policies in each member country (at local, regional and national level) while identifying the strengths and weaknesses of these policies
- Ensure that the fair trade dimension is taken into account in these SSE policies
- Building close relations with members of the European Parliament for a common approach
- Identify the network's needs and its priority areas of work while ensuring the editorial aspect (co-construction, translation, publication)
- Set up a skills transfer system including careful selection of consultants, mentoring and provision of funds for the various projects.

Summary of the 3rd working group

Context:



The World Social Forum of Transformative Economies to be held in 2020 appears to be a forum for consultation between practitioners from the non-traditional economy. It aims at an intellectual rather than economic growth in its ability to influence society. Thus, RIPESS Europe, with the support of REAS

and XES, other networks promoting this process, through this federating event will have a starting point for the identification of global problems and then a recommendation of the relevant solutions. It was in this context that the strategic meeting in Elne at the beginning of 2019 and the first preparatory meeting of the FSMET in Barcelona from 5 to 7 April 2019 were held.

The main objectives are:



- (1) Activate national and regional processes of exchange and convergence with other networks and movements;
- (2) Establish links with other existing events and processes to increase the presence of SSE and economic alternatives;

- (3) work on a systemic and holistic transition framework from the SSE perspective;
- (4) involve cultural and artistic actors and work on changing the economic and financial discourse;
- (5) involve researchers, teachers, independent media and decision-makers with whom we are in contact. The main

expectation is that our themes and priorities will be taken into account and discussed with others, that we can help build a consensus around a common agenda for 2030.

The schedule is elaborated as follows:

Date	Activity
18-19/7/2019	Meeting of the International Coordinating Committee in Barcelona
02/10/2019	Mouvement Jai Jagat – Concertation au sujet de l’Autre économie
September 2019	Jai Jagat Movement - Concertation on the Other Economy Paris Mapping Meeting (tools for the forum, promotion of mapping during the forum, inter-collaboration between cartographies)
February 2020	Meeting Media Independents and ESS / WSFTE

Proposal:

Our approach will vary depending on the national / territorial context. In some countries, the idea is to organise a representative delegation of different movements and actors (beyond the SSE); in others, it is a series of events and workshops in different cities; or, it is a matter of creating a national committee or linking it to another existing process / event (such as Jai Jagat in Switzerland).

Conclusions

In the last part of the GA, we discussed about:

Upcoming General Assemblies (considering that in 2020 there will be the FSMET in Barcelona).

For 2020 there is the proposal to be verified by Poland

For 2021 there is the proposal of Romania

Regional meetings are also possible, to continue networking with the Scandinavian countries, Central Eastern Europe, the Balkans and the Mediterranean.

As the agenda was completed, the meeting ended at 5:00 p.m. Convivial moments followed.

