



Co-creation

Title of the session 2.3.2: Integrated territorial systems for SSE: building a framework for analysis and planning.

Thematic line 2: Territorial Economic models to tackle inequality in the wake of the current pandemic crisis

Sub-axis 2.3: The potential of alternative economic models in driving a just transition to more cohesive societies.

*see also background note for reference

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Duration: 2 h 30 min

Platform: Zoom

Capacity of the session: 70 people

Registration needed: Yes

Language: english, spanish and french

Short summary of the session:

Social and Solidarity Economy is an inherently 'territorial' practice but is not always fully connected to the key drivers of local (economic) development and local governance processes.

To leverage the transformative potential of SSE, it is therefore crucial to explore the conditions and promote strategies to further integrate it with local development systems.

This session aims at promoting a co-creation process in applying a guideline-tool for local governments on SSE policies to different scenarios associated to respective participants' contexts.



1. Conceptualization of the session

The current pandemic crisis requires a renewed effort to implement the 2030 Agenda, and in particular its SDGs at the local level; and the adoption of transformative approaches centered in territories to build forward better enabling a transition to more just, inclusive, and resilient societies.

SSE, being rooted in local, multi-actor and multidimensional processes, is increasingly recognized as a key driver for such transformative territorial dynamics. Its activities guided by principles and values of solidarity and democratic self-management, can address social and environmental as well as economic problems by mobilizing resources and capacities at the local level.

To fully leverage such potential of SSE, it is essential to entrench and mainstream it in societal and governance processes. National legal and policy frameworks for SSE are obviously crucial preconditions but arguably not sufficient ones to establish conducive environments for SSE to thrive.

More specific conditions and mechanisms can be established at the local level to enable a stronger SSE sector, and a more effective response to the local challenges that it seeks to address. Such integrated 'eco-system' perspective requires that enabling policies and institutions for SSE, besides appropriate regulatory provisions and support to individual units and clusters, are designed and implemented as part of broader local development and local economic development systems and strategies.

Despite being linked to local realities probably more than any other form of economic activity, SSE is not always fully reflected and built-in the main drivers of local development trajectories like public policies, governance structures and processes, strategies and plans, and resources and services to implement them.

Pour identifier les conditions optimales dans lesquelles l'ESS peut s'épanouir, il est donc crucial d'explorer les moyens de la relier plus efficacement et organiquement au niveau local, c'est-à-dire : comment rendre les politiques et les systèmes de développement local plus favorables aux pratiques d'ESS ; et comment optimiser la capacité de l'ESS à activer les acteurs et les dynamiques locales pour fournir des solutions adéquates aux besoins des communautés.

2. Objective and key issues for discussion

This session aims to explore the connection between SSE and the core drivers of local (economic) development systems, and ways to effectively assess and enhance it.

The session will be based on a **co-creation process** that will adopt and apply as a reference methodological framework the "Guidelines for Local Governments on Policies



for Social and Solidarity Economy”, an innovative tool developed as part of a joint research project by UNRISD and GSEF, two member organizations (like UNDP and ILO) of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSE).

The guidelines will help local actors – and participants to the session - in assessing the respective contexts of SSE and promoting policies and institutions linking SSE with the main drivers of effective LD/LED processes in the areas of: legal and institutional frameworks; the co-construction of public policies through multi-actor and multi-level governance mechanisms; the integration of SSE into strategic planning mechanisms; support to SSE actors and organizations through dedicated structures, funding and services; research for innovation and specialized capacities’ building; access to markets; communication strategies; data and information management.

The foreseen sequence of the session includes: the initial illustration of the topic and the guidelines’ structure and content; the presentation of case studies associated to the UNRISD/GSEF research and other relevant context-frameworks for reference; and the discussion on respective participants’ contexts through break-out groups working on the different blocks of the guidelines.

3. Relevant documentation *(if applicable)*