

## CIRIEC-Portugal, activities 2017

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CIRIEC-Portugal (CEEPS - Centro de Estudos de Economia Pública e Social) is an association, which was created in 1979 and currently has about 100 members, including both individuals (academics, researchers, professionals) and institutions representing the social economy.

Besides some internal activities it must be highlighted the participation at and the organization of teaching and research events.

### Conferences and Symposiums

In 2017 CIRIEC-Portugal participated and/or organized the following events:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Social Economy**

CIRIEC-Portugal had an active role regarding the general preparation of the Congress as well as participating on several events held in various places of the country along 2017, from February to November. This event represented a very important milestone for the institutions of the Social Economy. Particularly important was the institution of a unique cooperative confederation, putting together all the several cooperative branches.

#### **IX<sup>th</sup> Iberian Symposium on Cooperativism and Social Economy (Colóquio Ibérico) in Santiago de Compostela**

The IX<sup>th</sup> Iberian Symposium on Cooperativism and Social Economy, co-hosted with CIRIEC-España, was organized in Santiago de Compostela, on 5-6 October 2017.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> CIRIEC International Research Conference on Social Economy**

The 6<sup>th</sup> CIRIEC International Research Conference on Social Economy was held in 2017 (from 29/11 to 2/12) in Manaus, Brazil.

CIRIEC-Portugal had also an active role on the preparation of this most important event ever made in Brazil concerning the Social Economy.

The conference had over 400 people, academics and researchers of 20 countries. The Conference had 264 papers, 9 lectures and 8 round tables.

Besides the intrinsic importance of this conference to turn the Social Economy more visible in Brazil, as well as in Latin America, an aspect deserves to be mentioned: it was possible to finally institutionalize CIRIEC-Brazil.

#### Other research activities

- CIRIEC-Portugal along with the Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa organized the first Summer University on Social Economy. It was a week-long event, held in Lisbon, at the Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa in 24-28 July, with 45 students. A substantial number of CIRIEC members gave conferences at this event and José Pitacas vice-president of CIRIEC-Portugal was the chairman of the all event.
- CIRIEC-Portugal participated in The *Strategic Council* of the Forum Portugal Social Economy.
- Since July 2017, CIRIEC-Portugal had supported the weekly edition of a page on Social Economy in the *Jornal de Negócios*, the top business newspaper in Portugal.

#### Other activities

- Cooperation with other national sections, particularly in Portuguese and Spanish speaking countries.