CIRIEC-España, activities September 2016-May 2018

CIRIEC-España was founded as an association in 1986 and currently has more than 300 members, consisting of natural and legal persons. Some of its members include leading academics in public, social and cooperative economics, as well as representatives from social economy associations, federations and confederations in Spain.

CIRIEC-España’s main office is at the University of Valencia.

Scientific journals

Between September 2016 and March 2018, CIRIEC-España published 11 issues of the journal CIRIEC-España, Revista de economía pública, social y cooperativa (CIRIEC-España, Journal of Public, Social and Cooperative Economics), presenting 111 articles on issues related to CIRIEC’s research areas. CIRIEC-España’s journal has become one of the most prestigious economics journals in Spanish. It is also peer-reviewed and indexed in the following databases: ESCI, SCOPUS, ECONLIT, FECYT, CATÁLOGO LATINDEX, IN-RECS, IBSS, ADEM BIBLIOMÉTRICA, AERES, EBSCO, DOAJ, RePEc, ULRICH’S, CARHUS PLUS+, CAB ABSTRACTS, AGRIS, REDALYC, ISOC, DIALNET, CITAEDEM, COMPLUDOC, ICALI, CIRIEC International, CIDEC and GOOGLE SCHOLAR.

In the last two years, CIRIEC-España also published issues 25-31 of the Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa (Legal Journal of Social and Cooperative Economics). A biannual journal since 2015, it has been published since 1990 and is the most important journal on Cooperative Law and Social Economics published in the Spanish language.

Other publications and researches

Since September 2016, CIRIEC-España has conducted several studies and reports, including the following:

- Book: La economía social valenciana ante los conceptos emergentes relacionados en Europa, [Valencia’s social economics facing emerging Europe-related concepts], 2017.
- Study for the Valencian Government on social economy companies and entities in the Valencian Community, 2017.
- Book: Empleo, Innovación e Inclusión en la Economía Social. Problemática jurídica y social, [Employment, Innovation and Inclusion in the Social Economy. Legal and Social Issues], including contributions
from a meeting between researchers and professionals, which took place at the University of Valencia in October 2016.

- Study for the European Economic and Social Committee “Best practices in public policies regarding the European Social Economy post the economic crisis”, 2017.
- Study for the European Economic and Social Committee "Recent Evolutions of the Social Economy in the European Union", 2017.
- Participation in CIRIEC’s “Public Enterprises/Public Services” Commission:
  - International Workshop on “Economics and management of public enterprises in public services”, 8 June 2017 at the University of Rouen (France).
  - International Workshop on “Innovation and services of general interest: from the lab to enterprises and citizens”, 22-24 June 2017 at the University of Milan (Italy).
- Participation in CIRIEC’s “Social and Cooperative Economy” Commission:
  - Working group on “Social and Solidarity-based Economy and Territory: between interaction and co-construction”, coordinated by lecturers Nadine Richez-Battesti and Xabier Itçaina.
  - New working group on “Denaturation and regeneration in the social and cooperative economy: innovation and isomorphism processes”.
  - Participation in the COPAC and ILO working group on international statistics on cooperatives.
  - Participation in the Social Economy/Public Economy transversal working group on “Providing public services, public goods and commons”.

Spanish Observatory on the Social Economy
(http://www.observatorioeconomiasocial.es/)

CIRIEC-España’s Spanish Social Economy Observatory has continued its activities over the last two years, improving its electronic journal Boletín de Actualidad del Observatorio Español de la Economía Social [Spanish Social Economy Observatory Bulletin], which publishes 42 issues a year. It also publishes monthly issues of the Boletín Jurídico de la Economía Social [Legal Social Economy Bulletin].
Portal for Social Responsibility, Social Entrepreneurship and the Economy for the Common Good (http://www.economiasostenible.org)

The Portal for Social Responsibility, Social Entrepreneurship and the Economy for the Common Good was created in 2017. This is a CIRIEC-España initiative in collaboration with the Valencian government, which aims to promote the access to and exchange of information about good practices in a digitalised, global world, as an essential means to progress towards a new paradigm of sustainable economy. It is a ground-breaking, ambitious project to promote a new productive model - both locally and globally - aimed at new generations. This project also responds to the demands of international bodies and sector platforms to systematise and increase knowledge on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Social Enterprise and the Economy for the Common Good.

Ibero-American Employment and Social and Cooperative Economy Observatory (OIBESCOOP)

CIRIEC-España actively participates in the Ibero-American Employment and Social and Cooperative Economy Observatory (OIBESCOOP), which has entered a new stage centred on the association created in 2016 for such purpose. Its headquarters are in the University of Zaragoza and it is chaired by Professor Carmen Marcuello, vice-chair of CIRIEC-España. In 2017, OIBESCOOP reconnected with the network of specialists from each of the Ibero-American countries, expanding the network to include new experts. It has renewed its website and started to add new content. It also has everything in place to conduct reports on cooperativism and social economy in Latin America and email newsletters to subscribers.

30th CIRIEC-España Anniversary celebration (19 October 2016)

CIRIEC-España organised a commemorative event to celebrate its 30th Anniversary on 19 October 2016 at the University of Valencia auditorium. Two hundred people attended the event, including representatives from Spanish and European social and cooperative economy institutions and organisations, university lecturers and researchers, members from the various CIRIEC National Sections and political and public administration leaders.

16th Congress of Researchers in the Social and Cooperative Economy

The 16th Congress was held in Valencia on 19, 20 and 21 October 2016 with the slogan “Social Economy: economic growth and well-being”. Two hundred researchers participated from 10 countries and 160 communications were presented and debated in 24 workshops.
9th Iberian International Conference on Cooperativism and Social Economy (Santiago de Compostela 5 and 6 October 2017)

The 9th Iberian International Conference on Cooperativism and Social Economy was held on 5 and 6 October 2017 in Santiago de Compostela. The Conference theme was “Social Economics and globalisation: new challenges, new opportunities”. Seventy-five people attended, including university students and business directors.