

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

“FACING THE (G)LOCAL EMERGENCIES:

Ensuring the supply of vital goods and services through the social economy and state-owned enterprises”

22-23 May 2023

Thessaloniki, Greece

Event venue: Ioannis Vellidis Conference Center

Leof. Stratou 3, Thessaloniki 546 36

Organizers:



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Context note

In a world in full transition, our societies are facing many uncertainties. Geopolitical tensions, the persistent effects of a devastating pandemic, and climate change with increasingly tangible consequences are all factors that blur our perspectives.

Our ways of consuming, working, producing or even living together are running up against the limits of our current socio-economic models. Under the effect of various transitions (digital, environmental, economic, societal, etc.), we need to change course and policies.

The issues addressed at the International Symposium in Thessaloniki will focus on the STRATEGIES of public and social economy enterprises regarding:

- *Cross-sectoral integration of network enterprises*
- *Local development co-constructed with public and social economy actors*
- *Territorial dynamics to be recreated or reinvented*
- *Urban planning*
- *Energy transition.*



Event languages:
EN, FR

OVERALL PLANNING - SYMPOSIUM 22-23 MAY 2023

 Monday 22 May 2023		 Tuesday 23 May 2023	
8:00-9:00	Welcome coffee Registration	9:30-11:00	Session 5: <i>The Social Economy: another way to undertake in the territories</i>
9:00-10:00	OPENING SESSION	11:00-11:30	Coffee break
10:00-11:00	Session 1: <i>How to address the challenges of transition?</i> KEYNOTE SPEAKER	11:30-12:45	ROUND TABLE: <i>Partnerships to face global challenges by building local solutions</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	12:45-13:00	CLOSING SESSION
11:30-12:30	Session 2: <i>Infrastructure: at the forefront of energy transition</i>		
12:30-14:30	Free time for lunch		
14:30-14:45	<i>Greek Economy: current state and prospects</i>	Monday 22 May 2023 (afternoon) – in parallel	
14:45-16:00	Session 3: <i>Urban policies to co-construct the local development</i>	14:30-16:00	Scientific session: “El papel de la ESS en el suministro de bienes y servicios esenciales” 
16:00-16:30	Coffee break	16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:45	Session 4: <i>Public companies, protagonists of integrated models in response to the necessary transitions</i>		
19:30	Official Dinner		

Sunday 21 May 2023

19:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL

CIEL BAR – LOUNGE

 Leof. Meg. Alexandrou 12

Monday 22 May 2023 (morning)

8:00-9:00  Welcome | Registration
Welcome coffee

9:00-10:00 **OPENING SESSION | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM**



Chair: Mr. **Ioannis NASIOULAS**, Founder-Director of the Social Economy Institute (Greece)

- Mr. **Kostantinos ZERVAS**, Mayor of the City of Thessaloniki (to be confirmed)
- Mr. **Bernard THIRY**, President of CIRIEC & President of SOCOFE (Belgium)
- Mr. **Thomas DERMINE**, State Secretary for Economic Recovery and Strategic Investments, in charge of Science Policy, added to the Minister of the Economy and Employment (Belgium) (per video)

Monday 22 May 2023 (morning)

10:00-11:00 **SESSION 1 | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM**



Chair: Mr. **Alain ARNAUD**, Honorary President of CIRIEC International & President of CIRIEC-France

How to address the challenges of transition?

INTERVENTIONS FROM:

Ms. **Linda KUNERTOVÁ**, Social and Economic Analyst,
„Fair Green and Digital Transitions, Research”,
DG Employment Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission

Mr. **Dimitris DIMITRIADIS**, Former EESC President & Vice-President, President of the EESC External Relations Section (REX) (Greece)

M. **Tarek NEMSI**, Strategy & Transformation Director,
Luminus (Belgique)

11:00-11:30  Coffee break

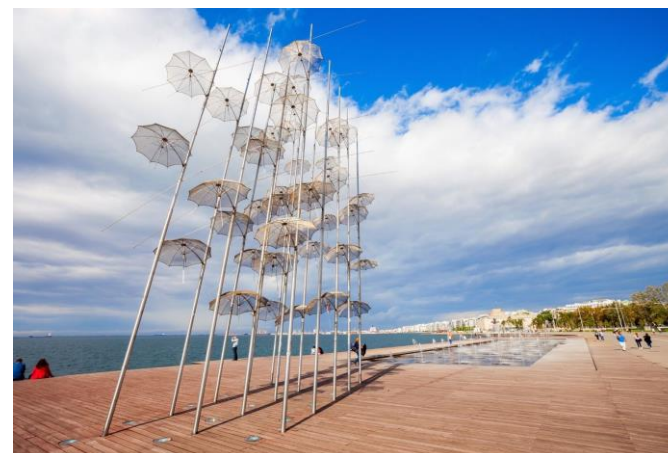
11:30-12:30 SESSION 2 | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM



Infrastructure: at the forefront of energy transition

Chair: **Heidrun MAIER-DE KRUIJFF**, Secretary General of VÖWG (Association of Public Services and Public Enterprises of Austria) – CIRIEC-Austria

- ***Energy transition: what challenges for distribution system operators (DSO)? The Case of ORES***
by Ms. **Isabelle CALLENS**, Head of Public Affairs & Communication, ORES - Operator of gas and electricity distribution networks (Belgium)
- ***Managing energy infrastructures with community involvement: the role of energy communities***
by Prof. **Barbara ANTONIOLI MANTEGAZZINI**, Titular professor and Deputy Director of the Institute for Economic Research, Università della Svizzera italiana (Switzerland)
- ***Infrastructure as driving force behind Vienna's transition into a climate neutral city by 2040***
by Mr. **Fabian GERNER** BA MA, Office for Services of General Interest – City of Vienna (Austria)



12:30-14:30  Free time for lunch

14:30-14:45 | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM

The current state and prospects of the Greek economy: Potentials for Northern Greece in the context of the 4.0 era

by Mr. **Dimitrios LAKASAS**, CEO of Olympia Electronics, Former President of SEVE (Greek Exporters Association)

14:45-16:00 | SESSION 3 | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM

Urban policies to co-construct local development

Moderated by Mr. **Jean-Louis CABRESPINES**, General Delegate of CIRIEC-France, Former Member of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (France)



- **Mobility for everyone** by Ms. **Lisa-Marie STAUFFER**, Chief Communications Officer (CCO), Mobility Association Austria (Mobilitätsverbände Österreich) (Austria)
- **Public and social economy dialogue initiatives to strengthen local action** by Mr. **Claude DORION**, General Director of MCE-Conseils (Canada)
- **Cooperative Banking and Regional and Local Development: the Portuguese case** by Prof. **Paulo BENTO**, Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (Portugal)
- **Improving the quality of the environment in cities** by Ms. **Beata PATER**, University of Agriculture in Krakow (Poland)
- **To co-construct policy based on the deliberative democracy: The case of Kakogawa-city in Japan** by Prof. **Kazuhiko TABATA**, Hyogo University (Japan)

16:00-16:30



Coffee break

14:30-16:00 | SCIENTIFIC SESSION | KASSANDROS ROOM

El papel de la Economía Social y Solidaria en el suministro de bienes y servicios esenciales



Moderated by Prof. **Juan Fernando ÁLVAREZ**, President of the Scientific Committee of CIRIEC-Colombia; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá (Colombia)

- **Economía Social y Resiliencia Económica en las comarcas de la Comunidad Autónoma del País Vasco (CAPV)** by **Artiztar ERAUSKIN, Aitziber ETXEZARRETA & Julen IZAGIRRE**, GEZKI (Institute of Cooperative Law and Social Economy), University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) (Spain)
- **Valores y principios en el cooperativismo de consumidores y usuarios en España** by **Paloma BEL DURÁN & Gustavo LEJARRIAGA PÉREZ DE LAS VACAS**, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain)
- **Clasificación de las cooperativas multinacionales** by **Anjel ERRASTI**, GEZKI (Institute of Cooperative Law and Social Economy), University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) (Spain)
- **Conseguir una resolución en la Asamblea General de la ONU es como construir una casa: el caso de la resolución 77/281 "Promover la economía social y solidaria para el desarrollo sostenible"** by **Marion POUZOULET**, ESS-Forum International (France)
- **The resilience of public-social economy partnerships for food justice: a case study** by **Alexandrine LAPOUTTE**, Université Lumière Lyon 2 (France)
- **Theme to be determined** by **Federico LI BONILLA**, Executive Director of CIRIEC-Costa Rica, Universidad Estatal a Distancia – UNED (Costa Rica)

16:00-16:30



Coffee break

16:30-17:45 | SESSION 4 | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM

Public companies, protagonists of integrated models in response to the necessary transitions

Moderated by Ms. **Inne MERTENS**, Chief Executive Officer of Sibelga (Belgium)



- **State-Owned Enterprise and the Low Carbon Transition: An Agenda for Research** by Prof. **Eoin REEVES**, President of the International Scientific Commission « Public Enterprises/Public Services », University of Limerick (Ireland)
- **CSRD and SDGS as drivers for transforming public enterprises** by Prof. **Dorothea GREILING**, President of the CIRIEC's International Council, Johannes Kepler Universität – Linz (Austria)
- **Public enterprises: general interest objectives and democratic participation** by Mr. **Pierre BAUBY**, Director of the Observatoire de l'action publique (Observatory of public action), Teacher and Researcher in Political Science (France)

Debate with the room

17:45 End of sessions

19:30 Official Dinner

Official Dinner at the Elektra Palace Hotel

19:30

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 **Tuesday 23 May 2023 (morning)**

9:30-11:00 | SESSION 5 | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM

The Social Economy: another way to undertake in the territories

Chair: Prof. **José Luis MONZÓN CAMPOS**, Honorary President of CIRIEC International, Executive Director of CIRIEC-España



- **How the cooperative model, through its mode of governance and decision-making process, can promote local and territorial development with the support of its partners**
by Mr. **Yvan ROUILLÉ**, Deputy Director General of the Caisse Desjardins des policiers et policières (Canada)
- **Fostering territorial innovation through social economy ecosystems**
by Prof. **Rafael CHAVES**, President of the Scientific Committee of CIRIEC-España, Universidad de Valencia (Spain)
- **Formalization of grassroots enterprises through the social economy**
by Prof. **Juan Fernando ÁLVAREZ**, President of the Scientific Committee of CIRIEC-Colombia; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá (Colombia)
- **For a new paradigm of territorial development: the strength of the SSE promise** by Mr. **Jean-Louis CABRESPINES**, General Delegate of CIRIEC-France, Former Member of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (France)
- **Accompaniment to communities for the creation of Social Economy companies from the approach of the Social Spin-Off** by Mr. **Federico LI BONILLA**, Executive Director of CIRIEC-Costa Rica, Universidad Estatal a Distancia – UNED (Costa Rica)

Debate with the room

11:00-11:30



Coffee break

 **Tuesday 23 May 2023 (morning)**

11:30-12:45 | ROUND TABLE | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM

Partnerships to face global challenges by building local solutions

Chair: Mr. **Marc PICARD**, Director General of the Caisse d'économie solidaire DesJardins, President of CIRIEC-Canada

With the participation of:



- Ms. **Ana UMBELINO**, Deputy Mayor of Torres Vedras, in charge of culture, cultural heritage, social development and citizen participation; President of the Board of Directors of the European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy (REVES); Member of the GECES of the European Commission (Portugal)
- Mr. **Jean-François LALONDE**, Director general of PME MTL - Centre Est - business support network of the City of Montreal (Canada)
- Prof. **Nathalie REY**, Senior lecturer in economics, Université Sorbonne Paris Nord (France)
- M. **Dries GOEDERTIER**, Policy Advisor – Health and Social Care Services, General Central of Public Services - ACOD-CGSP, University of Ghent (Belgium)

12:45-13:00 | CLOSING SESSION | ANTONIOS KOURTIS ROOM

Chair: Mr. **Bernard THIRY**, President of CIRIEC & President of SOCOFE (Belgium)

14:00-15:30: CIRIEC Board of Directors

15:30-16:30: Board of Directors of the Edgard Milhaud Foundation

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About the Social Economy Institute

The **Social Economy Institute (SEI)** - institutional member of CIRIEC since 2017 - is dedicated to the development of Social Economy, Social Entrepreneurship and Social Impact Investments.

The SEI contributes to the inception, financing, quality implementation and social impact measurement of research and development projects throughout the European Union. It offers expertise to public, corporate and collective organizations for policy forecast, social innovation, sustainable urbanization, industrial design and systemic experimentation projects. It also assists individuals, vulnerable social groups, refugees and migrants in materializing promising vocational and personal development trajectories.

About CIRIEC

Founded in 1947, the **International Centre of Research and Information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy (CIRIEC)** is an international non-governmental scientific organization that currently has 14 national sections and 11 affiliated members throughout the world.

Its objectives are to undertake and promote the collection of information, scientific research, and the publication of works on economic sectors and activities oriented towards the service of the general and collective interest.

CIRIEC has an original feature since it develops activities of interest for both managers and researchers active in serving the general or collective interest. CIRIEC aims at being an international meeting point and a locus of research and reflection networking, without lobbying for any particular interests.

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