

Research at CIRIEC: Is there a meaning to life?

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Topics to be discussed

- Agora as a plus value for scholars
- Books, the Annals, the working papers, etc.
- Social Economy
- Public Economy

- The need to link research to practice and practice to research

Agora, the world and us

- A sophisticated data base
- Scholars, research topics, links between them
- See http://www.ciriecagora.org/view/vdo/ciriec_2.swf
- Also, links with
 - ILO
 - The European Union

Publications

- A growing collection of books
- *Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics*:
A well established journal with Fabienne Fecher as Editor
- CIRIEC-Working papers for various uses
- And still the need for strategic watch

Two well functioning commissions

- Rafael Chaves, Gabriel Obermann et Massimo Florio
- Who is our competition?
- Can we rejuvenate membership?
- Scholars from economics, sociology, political science, geography, law, statistics, history, etc.
- Can we recreate joined research projects?

Social Economy

- Biennial conferences (Antwerp and Lisbon)
- Specialized Study Teams
- We are at the core of a very large network
- SE and territories
- SE, still counting
- Organization analysis and SE

Public Enterprises

- Local Enterprises
- The Future of Public Enterprises
- Major Public Enterprises

- New scholars and scholars with experience
- New « old » members
- Scholars in countries with national sections and the others

The link between research and practitioners

- A much needed closer relation between managers and scholars
- Research has to be used and publicised by managers: for example, the project on the future of public enterprises
- A closer relation is needed: access and money
- Yes, life could have a meaning

Thank you for your attention!

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