



CIRIEC and its scientific activities 2019 - 2021

International Centre of Research and Information
on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy

Background document

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OBJECTIVES of this scientific NGO

CIRIEC develops activities of interest for both managers and researchers

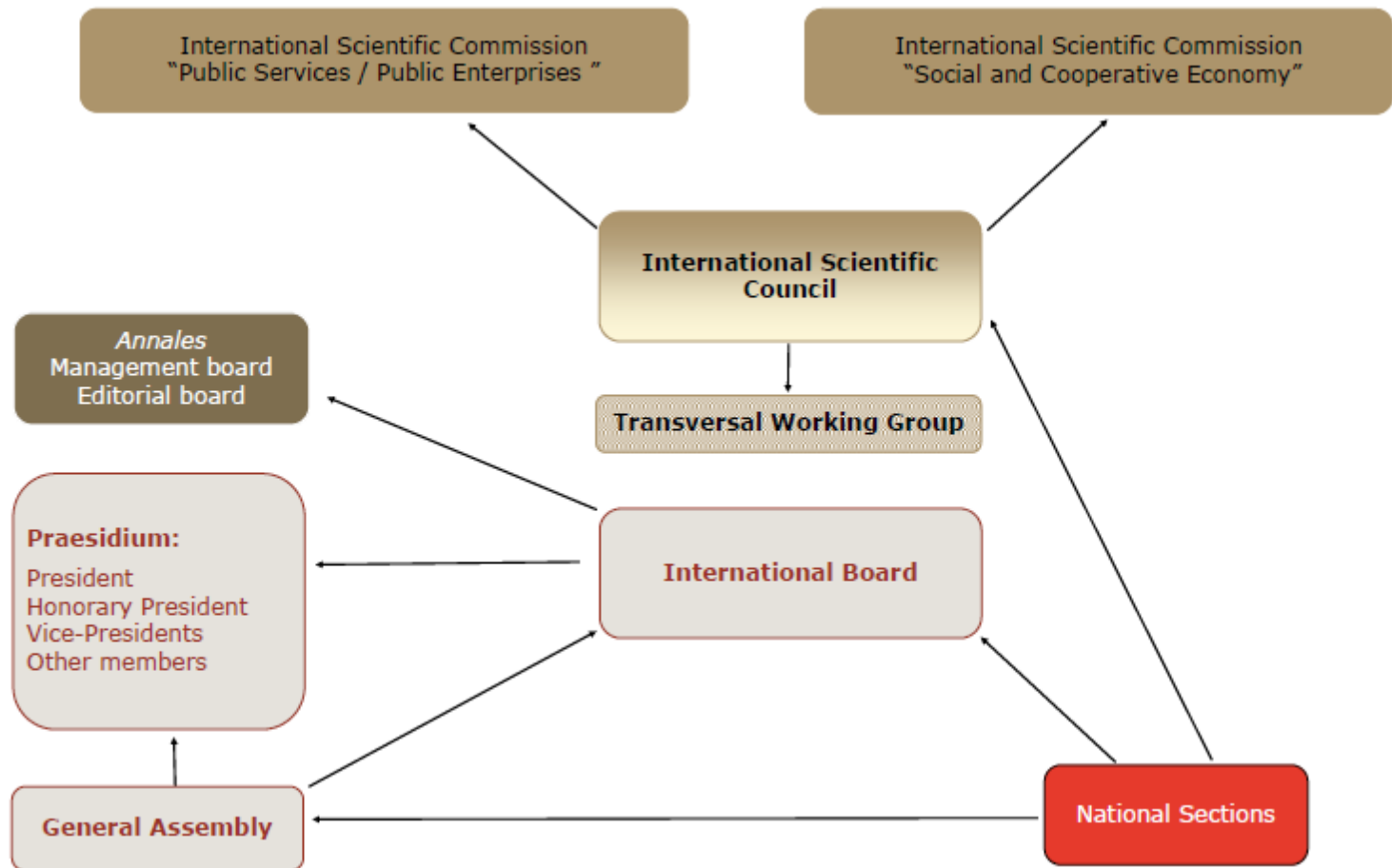
with opportunities for mutual enrichment

on economic sectors and activities oriented towards the service of the general and collective interest:

- action by the State and the local and regional public authorities in economic fields (economic policy, regulation);
- public utilities;
- public and mixed enterprises at the national, regional and municipal levels;
- the so-called “social economy” (not-for-profit economy, cooperatives, mutuals, and non-profit organizations); etc.

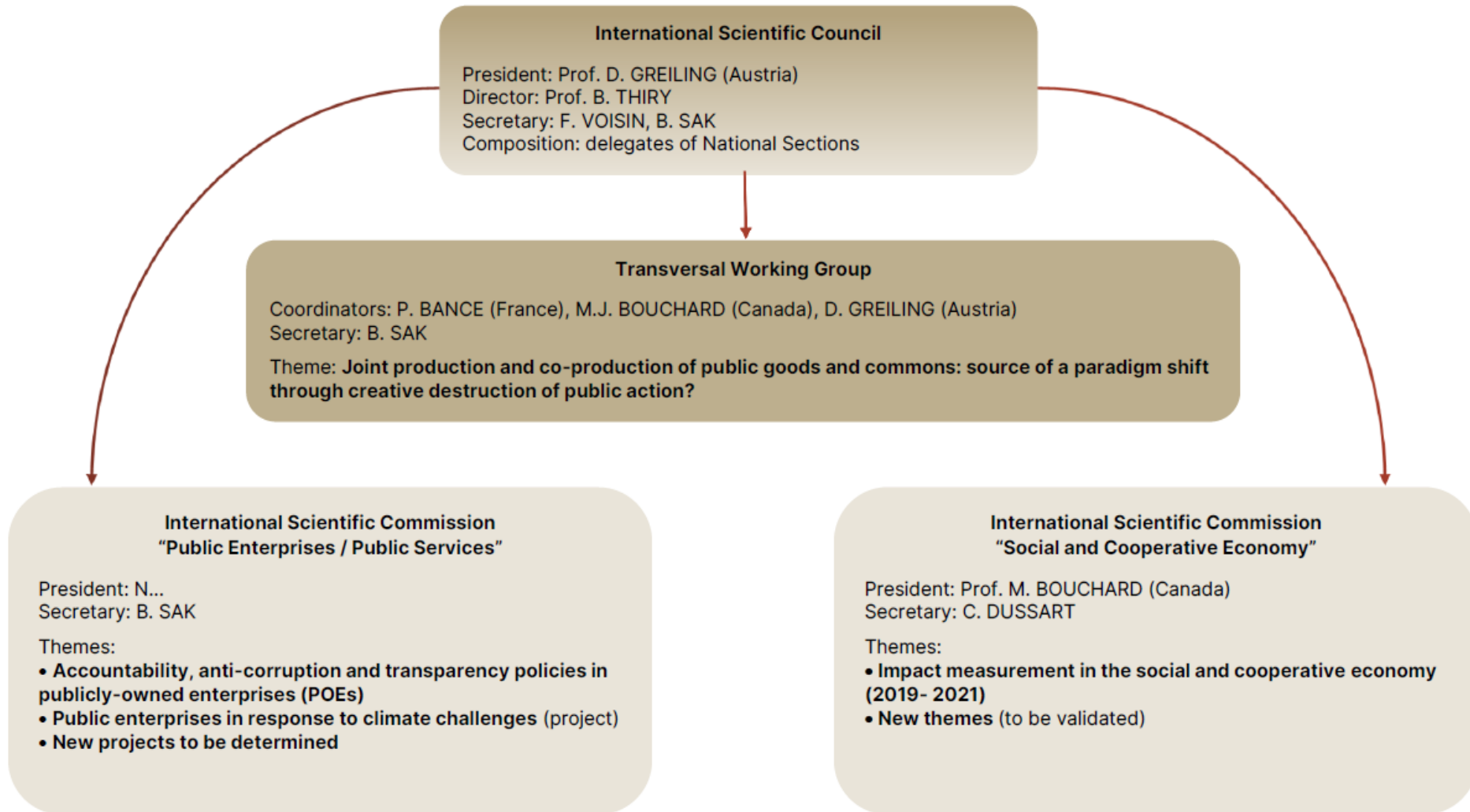
ORGANISATION & WORK

SCIENTIFIC NETWORK OF 450 ACTIVE EXPERTS





CIRIEC INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION CHART 2021



MEANS

- International secretariat (located in Liège, Belgium) with a “hub” function.
- International scientific journal, the *Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics*
- Documentation centres (at national level)
- Publication of books, special issues of scientific journals, working papers and research results
- Organisation of scientific events and conferences
- Activities inside the respective national sections of CIRIEC (national scientific committees, platform for political debates, auditions by the executive authorities, achieving of researches for government agencies,...) and contacts with their members who sometimes hold leading functions in national governments, European bodies, international and apex organizations.
- Numerous **international contacts & partnerships**



Formal Institutional Partnerships



International
Labour
Organization



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CIRIEC areas of research

- 1. Cross cutting topics covering public, social and cooperative economy**
- 2. Public economy (public services / public enterprises)**
- 3. Social and cooperative economy**

1. Transversal Working Group

Former topics (as reminder)

- Plural economy, i.e. the cooperation between the private, the public and the social economy sector (non-profit, mutuals, cooperatives, etc.)
- Governance systems/regimes and general interest within social services and health care
- Contemporary crisis and renewal of public action
- Providing public goods and commons. Towards coproduction and new forms of governance for a revival of public action (2018)

APCE special issue
(Vol 92, 1, 2021)

The New Age of Commons – Innovation or Necessity?

Philippe Bance &

Jérôme Schoenmaeckers, Eds



Publication foreseen 2022 in *CIRIEC Studies Series*

Joint production and co-production of public goods and commons: source of a paradigm shift through creative destruction of public action?

3 co-editors:

Philippe Bance, CIRIEC France and
former President of CIRIEC
International Scientific Council

Marie J. Bouchard, CIRIEC Canada and
President of CIRIEC International
Scientific commission Social and
cooperative economy

Dorothea Greiling, CIRIEC Austria

Joint production and co-production of public goods and commons: source of a paradigm
shift through creative destruction of public action?

(provisory title)

Introduction, by P. BANCE

First Part: Deployment and diversity of collective interest partnerships

Chapter 1. Combating Child Poverty at the Local Government Level in Austria and Belgium, by D. GREILING & M. SCHINNERL

Chapter 2. Collective innovation and living labs of real estate: an institutionalization of citizen participation?, by B. FRAGNY & C. ZADRA VEIL

Chapter 3. The resilience of public-social economy partnerships for food justice: a case study, by A. LAPOUTTE & G. ALAPKA

Chapter 4. Big Business in the Social Commons: The Example of the Carrefour Vărăști Agricultural Cooperative in Romania, by G. CIASCAI & H. DEFALVARD

Second Part: Co-production of public goods

Chapter 5. Co-production paradigm: Threat or Opportunity for Social Economy?, by A. BASSI & A. FABBRI

Chapter 6. Co-production of Public Goods in Shrinking Rural Regions in Germany: Why Does Public Action Still Matter?, by B. FRIEDLÄNDER & C. SCHAEFER

Chapter 7. Co-production of public goods in Slovakia, by M. MURRAY SVIDRONOVA, by J. NEMEC & G. VACEKOVA

Third Part: Mutations of the collective action paradigm

Chapter 8. After the Keynesian paradigm and the paradigm of economic liberalism, a new paradigm based on "values"?, by P. BAUBY

Chapter 9. Renewal of Public Action: Co-Production and Financial Regulation, by F. ULGEN

Chapter 10. Social and solidarity economy and the co-construction of a new field of local public policies in France, by L. FRAISSE

Chapter 11. Comparative analysis of Public-Social and Solidarity Economy Partnerships (PSSEPs) in the French Regions after the Hamon and NOTRE Laws, by P. BANCE & A. CHASSY

Conclusion by P. BANCE, M. J. BOUCHARD & D. GREILING

2. Public economy topics

International Scientific Commission “Public Enterprises / Public Services”

Former topics (as reminder)

Numerous studies - of a general or sectoral nature - were conducted on services of general (economic) interest, "services publics" or "public utilities", but also on social and health services, and any other type of so-called 'community/collective' service delivered by social economy organisations :

- Contribution of services of general interest to economic, social and territorial cohesion
- General interest services in the European Internal Market (and issues related to the “Service Directive”)
- Provision modes of local services (including social ones)
- Securing basic investments in infrastructure necessary to provide services of general interest
- Future of Public enterprise: missions, performance, governance, ownership,...

Scientific Commission

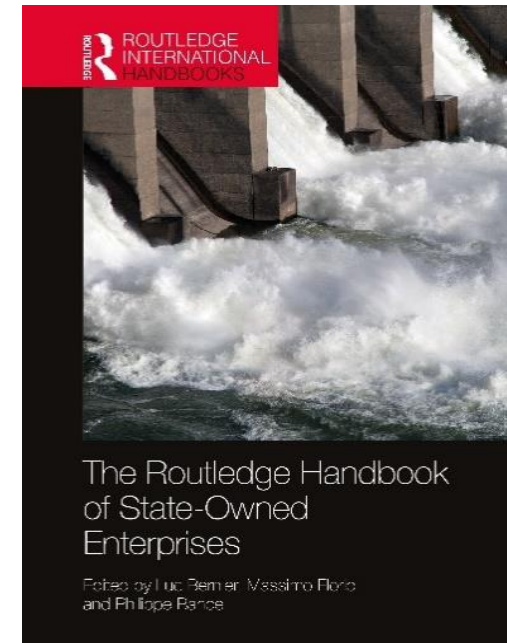
“Public Enterprises / Public Services”

➤ *Routledge Handbook of State-Owned Enterprises (2020)*

discussion/presentation seminars

➤ Topics:

- Scope of the phenomenon
- History & geography
- Approaches to study SOEs
- Financial dimension of public ownership
- Governance issues
- Activities & performance of SOEs
- SOEs and innovation: a new frontier

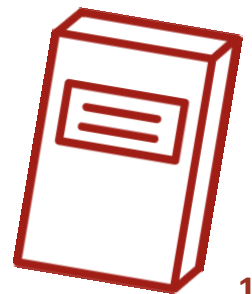




ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK (JUNE 2020)

Handbook of Economics and Management of Public Enterprises

- 3 editors : Luc BERNIER (CA), Massimo FLORIO (IT), Philippe BANCE (FR)
- 35 chapters - 57 authors from 20 countries finally selected
- after 3 years of pre-work, first selection and discussion of papers in seminars + double blind referee processes (with over 100 anonymous reviewers) & final special EN editing



1. Scope of the Phenomenon

- From the industrial Revolution to the age of globalisation
- Different types of provision : « in house », corporatisation
- Public Mission: A Multidimensional Lens
- State capitalism

2. Perspectives on History and Geography

- Changed role of public enterprises
- Concepts of German Gemeinwirtschaftslehre
- Privatisation: Some Lessons from the UK
- Legitimate internationally-present SOEs
- Industrial Development in Latin America
- SOES in China

3. Approaches to the Study of SOES

- Economics of SOEs
- Institutional Market Actors
- Marketisation of Public Services
- Structural Limits of SOEs in capitalist Economies
- Motivation and Performance in SOEs
- Politics of SOEs
- Principals and agents: Relationship between governments and SOEs

4. Financial Dimensions of Public Ownership

- Public Stock Ownership
- Financialisation
- Institutional Investors and Sovereign Wealth Funds
- Contemporary development of financial institutions in Europe
- SOE Hybrids

5. Issues about Governance

- Public Corporate Governance Codes
- Role of Informal Institutions
- Public Accountability
- Utilities policy and reform
- Changing relationship between citizens and SOEs
- Stakeholders of SOEs: Impact of Public Opinion on SOEs
- At the interface of society and business

6. The Activities and Performance of SOES

- About performance and comparison
- SOEs as policy tools
- (Re)municipalisation
- New forms of ownership and control of public service delivery

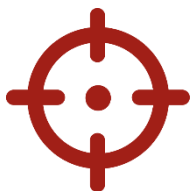
7. SOES and Innovation: A New Frontier

- Mission-oriented public organisations for knowledge creation
- Reconsidering innovation
- SOEs as drivers of innovation

Working Group : Accountability

Accountability, anti-corruption and transparency policies in publicly-owned enterprises (POEs)

Andrea Zatti, Università de Pavia (IT)



Focus on

- Internalising **effective corruption prevention** mechanisms
- **Adapting the management** of Publicly-owned enterprises-POEs
- **Measuring and understanding** the state of implementation of different anti-corruption and compliance measures in POEs in several European, or even extra-European countries.



6 countries (AL, AT, ES, GE, IT, MK) + PT



Outcome

- One discussion seminar online (4 June 2020)
- One scientific article or 1 CIRIEC WP introducing the general issue (under way)
- Publication in 'CIRIEC Studies Series' with general multi-countries findings



Publications - Thematic issues of *scientific review APCE*

- ***The Continuing Importance of State-Owned Enterprise in the 21st Century: Challenges for Public Policy***, ed. by L. Bernier & E. Reeves (2018)
- ***The Performance and Potential of Public Private Partnerships***, ed. by E. Reeves, D. Palcic & M. Siemiatycki (2019)
- ***Knowledge Creation: New Frontiers for Public Investment***, ed. by M. Florio (vol. 92/3, September 2021)

APCE special issue
(Vol 89/3, 2018)

*The Continuing
Importance of State-
Owned Enterprise in the
21st Century:
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Policy*

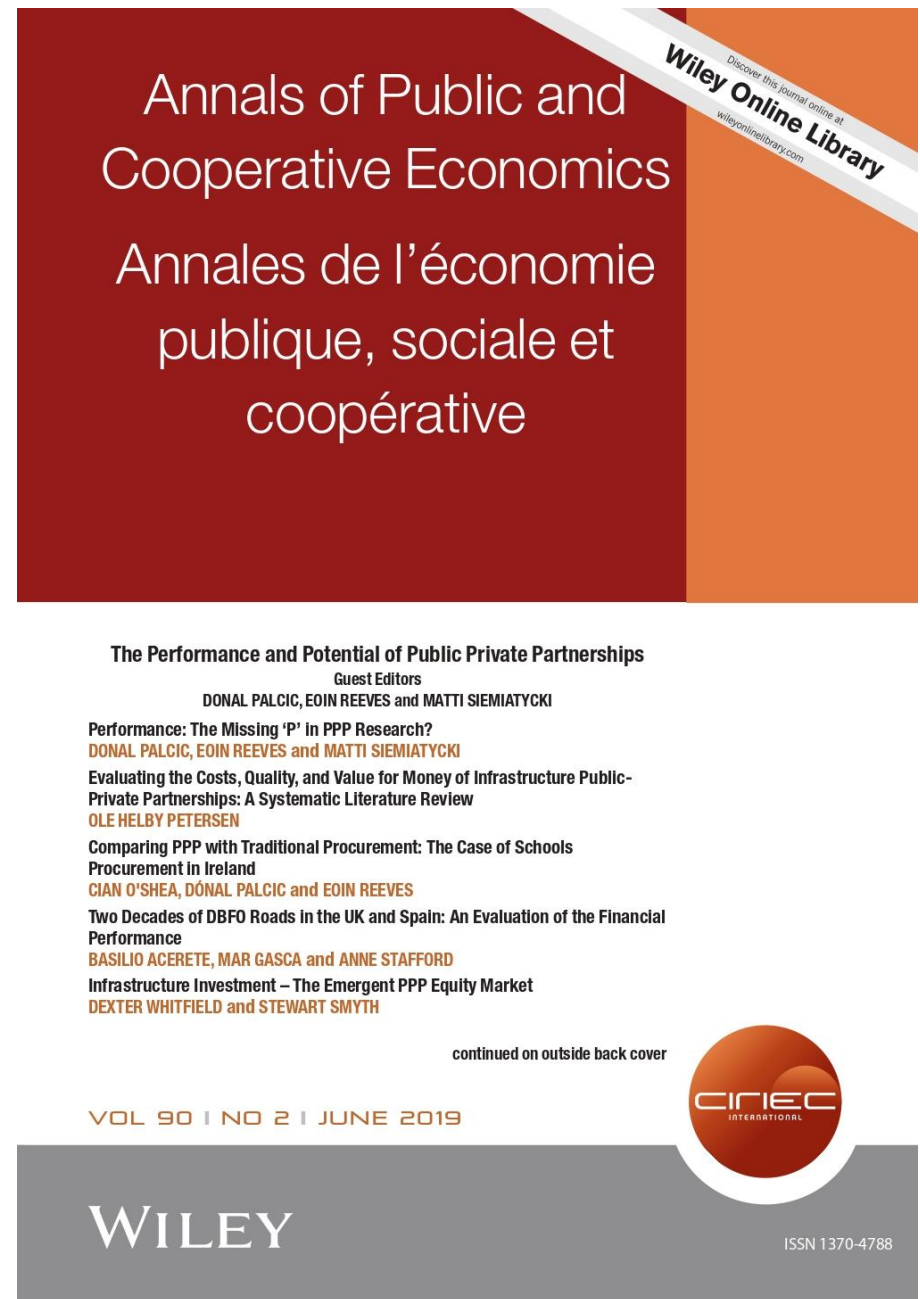
Luc BERNIER &
Eoin REEVES, Eds



APCE special issue
(Vol 90/2, 2019)

*The Performance and
Potential of Public
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Eds



APCE special issue
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Knowledge Creation: New Frontiers for Public Investment

Massimo FLORIO,
Ed

Annals of Public and
Cooperative Economics
Annales de l'économie
publique, sociale et
coopérative

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Knowledge Creation: New Frontiers for Public Investment
Edited by MASSIMO FLORIO

Knowledge creation: new frontiers for public investment
MASSIMO FLORIO
Biomed Europa: After the coronavirus, a public infrastructure to overcome the pharmaceutical oligopoly
MASSIMO FLORIO and SIMONA GAMBA
The learning mechanisms through public procurement for innovation: The case of government-funded basic research organizations
PAOLO CASTELNOVO and MARTINA DAL MOLIN
From scientific experiments to innovation: Impact pathways of a Synchrotron Light Facility
GELSOMINA CATALANO, GASTON GARCÍA LÓPEZ, ALEJANDRO SÁNCHEZ and SILVIA VIGNETTI
Human and social capital accumulation within research infrastructures: The case of CERN
GELSOMINA CATALANO, FRANCESCO GIFFONI and VALENTINA MORRETTA
Demonstrating public value to funders and other stakeholders—the journey of ELIXIR, a virtual and distributed research infrastructure for life science data
CORINNE S. MARTIN, SUSANNA REPO, JUAN ARENAS MÁRQUEZ, NIKLAS BLOMBERG, KATHARINA B. LAUER, XÈNIA PÉREZ SITJÀ, PREMYSL VELEK, ANA M. P. MELO, CHRISTINE STANSBERG, FRANCESCA DE LEO, ELINA GRINIECE, HANNES ROTHE, ROBERT PETRYSZAK and ANDREW SMITH
The impact of the Italian Space Agency on scientific knowledge: Evidence from academic publications
DAVIDE VURCHIO and ANNA GIUNTA
Ex-ante socio-economic impact assessment for a social science research infrastructure: The case of EuroCohort
GIULIO ECCHIA, CHRIS O'LEARY and LUCIANO MESSORI

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EVENTS

- **Accountability, anti-corruption and transparency policies in publicly-owned enterprises (POEs) – Webinar** (4 June 2020)
- **Socio-economic impact of investment in Science – XVIII Milan European Economy Workshop** (25-26 June 2020)
- **State-Owned Enterprises and Innovation in Public Services in a Post-Pandemic World – XIX Milan European Economy Workshop** (30 June 2021)
- **XX Milano European Economy Workshop** (mid-June 2022)

3. Social & Cooperative economy topics

International Scientific Commission “Social & Cooperative Economy”

Former topics (as reminder)

CIRIEC has a long tradition of reflection and work on social economy as a whole. It has been the pioneer of the understanding and promotion of this global concept including cooperatives, mutual societies, non-profit organisations and foundations. It has brought a significant contribution to the recognition and awareness of this sector of the economy based on collective private not for profit initiative. Being a kind of "mother house" CIRIEC has given birth to several initiatives and research networks specialised in one or the other field within social economy.

- Governance and organization in social economy enterprises
- Satellite accounts of social economy companies : co-operatives and mutual societies
- Situation of the social economy in the European Union
- Methods and indicators for the evaluation of the social economy
- Public policies and the social economy
- Weight of the social economy sector
- Social economy and territorial development: interaction and co-construction
- Transformation of social economy enterprises: isomorphism or innovation

WORKING GROUPS

IMPACT MEASUREMENT OF THE SOCIAL ECONOMY

NEW SE CONCEPTS AND EMERGING EXPERIENCES IN IBERO-AMERICA



WG “Impact Measurement of the Social and Solidarity Economy”

- 20 members from CIRIEC Scientific Commission Social & Cooperative Economy
- Call for papers *Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics* with a Special Issue to be published in 2022
- Content: A Comprehensive view of the problem of Impact measurement
 - case studies,
 - new evaluation methods
 - Theoretical approach to impact measurement
 - Impact of SSE Financing
 - qualitative and quantitative approaches
 - covering Europe, Americas, Africa and Asia
 - Agricultural Cooperatives, Banking Cooperatives, NonProfit Organizations...
- WP CIRIEC Series
 - 3 published in 2020
 - 3 forthcoming in 2021

WG Impact Measurement - WP publications

- **WP21/05** – OPINCARU I.S. – [A Journey of Evaluation and Impact Measurement – Accounts of Setting up a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework in a Romanian Social Economy Organisation](#)
- **WP20/15** – RIJPENS J./ BOUCHARD M.J./ GRUET E./ SALATHÉ-BEAULIEU G. – [Social Impact Bonds: Promises versus facts. What does the recent scientific literature tell us?](#)
- **WP20/14** – JANY-CATRICE F. – [Une économie politique des mesures d'impact social](#)
- **WP20/12** – DUFOUR B./ PETRELLA F./ RICHEZ-BATTESTI N. – [Understanding social impact assessment through public value theory: A comparative analysis on work integration social enterprises \(WISEs\) in France and Denmark](#)
- + 2 further ones to come in 2021

Emerging Experiences of Social Economy in Iberoamerica,

coord.

Juan Fernando ALVAREZ (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana – Colombia)

& Carmen MARCUELLO (Universidad de Zaragoza – Spain)

33 members from 14 countries

18 papers presenting new developments of Social and Solidarity Economy in their countries, notably addressing sustainable development goals.



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Social Economy under Influence : isomorphism or innovation ?

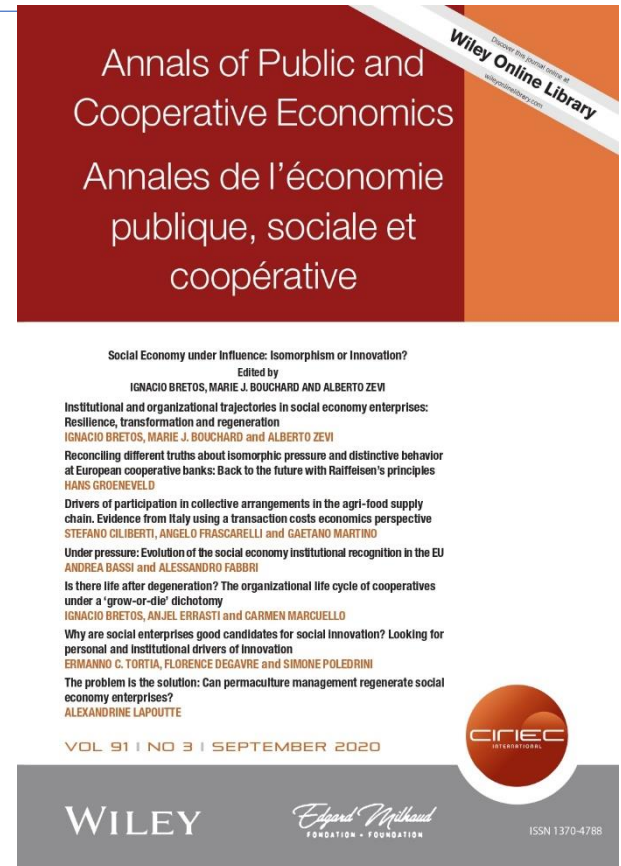
Ignacio BRETOS, Marie J. BOUCHARD, Alberto ZEVI, eds

SPECIAL ISSUE **APCE** (SEPTEMBER 2020)

Namely 6 papers from members of the Commission

- Is there a life after degeneration? The Mondragon Group (Spain, Basque country)
- SE organizations in urban multi-actor networks: Innovation or alienation and degeneration (Belgium)
- Under pressure for institutional recognition in EU (Italy)
- La permaculture des organisations. Régénération (France)
- The process of social innovation in SE (Italy)
- Isomorphism or innovation? The case of Rokin banks (Japan)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS





Scientific Commission

“Social and Cooperative Economy”

Numerous activities with international partners

- **via General and scientific formal cooperations (incl. Knowledge Hubs and Collective Brains)**
 - ILO - International Labour Organization (e.g. Cooperative Unit, SSE Regional Academies)
 - SEE - Social Economy Europe
 - SSE-FI - International Forum Social and Solidarity Economy
 - UNRISD - United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
 - UNTFSE - United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force Social and Solidarity Economy
- **CIRIEC is member of the Expert group of the European Commission on Social Economy and Social Enterprises (GECES) (2018-2024)**
- **& Regular cooperation**
 - COPAC - Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives
 - EESC - European Economic and Social Committee (& Category 'social Economy')
 - EP – European Parliament Intergroup on Social Economy
 - GSEF - Global Social Economy Forum
 - ICA - International Cooperative Alliance
 - OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
 - RIPESS - Intercontinental network for the promotion of the social and solidarity economy

CIRIEC active partnerships in 2020-2021



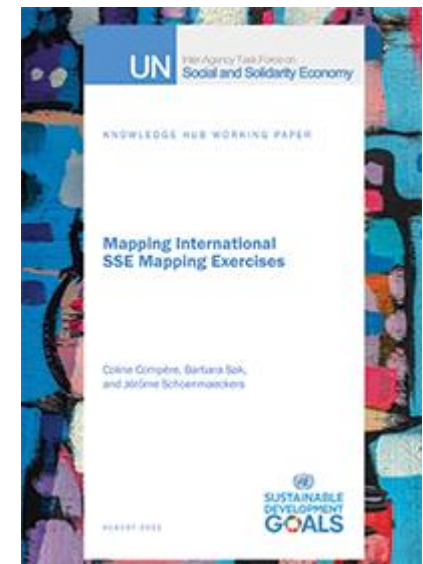
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"Social and Cooperative Economy"



"GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATIVE STATISTICS" adopted by the
International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ILO) in October 2018
(published in 2020)

**PRODUCING STATISTICS &
MAPPINGS ON SOCIAL AND
SOLIDARITY ECONOMY
+ POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**
(published in 2021)



► Statistics on Cooperatives

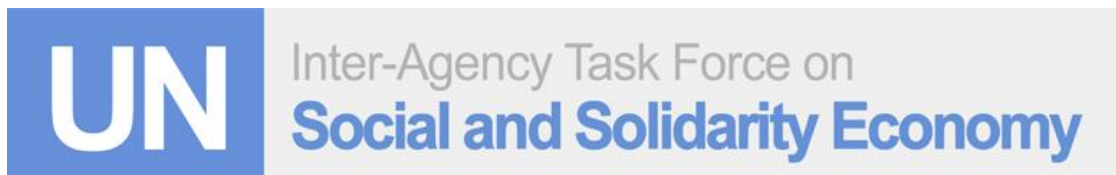
Concepts, classification,
work and economic contribution measurement

Scientific editor: Marie J. Bouchard

**Authors: Marie J. Bouchard, Chiara Carini,
Hyungsik Eum, Madeg LeGuernic, Damien
Rousselière**

https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/---emp_ent/---coop/documents/publication/wcms_760710.pdf

1. Conceptual framework for statistics on cooperatives
2. Classification of cooperatives. A proposed typology
3. Statistics on Work and employment in cooperatives
4. On the economic contributions of cooperatives



Opportunities And Challenges Of Statistics On The Social And Solidarity Economy

funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea
(represented by Statistics Korea)

Three Studies:

- 1. State of the art in
producing SSE statistics
(Bouchard, Salathé-
Beaulieu)**
- 2. Mapping of
international mappings
(Compère, Sak,
Schoenmaeckers)**
- 3. Policy
recommendations and
directions for future
research (Chaves)**



APCE SPECIAL ISSUE (NOVEMBER 2020)

Cooperatives and the ILO over a 100 Years: A Selection of 12 Articles

Marie J. BOUCHARD & Marieke LOUIS, eds

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One CIRIEC expert
in this Peer-Learning Partnership
of 26 organisations
in 7 countries:

Gemma FAJARDO (CIRIEC-España)

Legal Ecosystems for Social Economy Peer Learning Partnership PL4SE – PLP

CEPES (the Spanish Social Economy Employers' Confederation) leads this consortium of 26 organisations from 7 countries.

Description: This PLP focus on creating knowledge and experience sharing opportunities on social economy legal frameworks between different countries on three main axes:

- *the overall legal framework*, (the national and regional laws for the social economy);
- *the reference of legal frameworks within sectoral or statutory regulations* of social economy entities and regulation of the field of activity of social economy entities;
- *the specific regulations for the social economy within general legal matters*, such as, for example, procurement regulations, or tax regulations etc.

FROM NATIONAL SECTIONS & PARTNERSHIPS



+ numerous Webinars
& conferences by
and in co-organisation
with international
partners



EVENTS



**7TH CIRIEC INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON
SOCIAL ECONOMY**

BUCHAREST (ROMANIA), 6-9 JUNE 2019

"Social and Solidarity Economy: Moving Towards a New Economic System"



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Societății
Civile 

With numerous publications post Conference:

3 international and 1 Romanian journals (*Reaser - Review of Applied Socio-Economic Research*, *Quality of Life Journal*, *MKDE - Management Dynamics in the Knowledge Economy* and *APCE - Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics*)

8TH INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL ECONOMY



Gustavo Hernández • Pablo Baisotti • Federico Li
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NEXT EVENTS 2022-23

- Congress 2022 in Valencia (Spain), 13-15 June 2022

*New global dynamics in the post-Covid era:
challenges for the public,
social and cooperative economy*

& 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CIRIEC



- 9th International Research Conference on Social Economy in Seoul (South Korea), July 2023



Dissemination

Various internal and external news circulation,
announcing publications and events





CIRIEC's Website (FR – EN)

Various webpages with lots of information

- About CIRIEC's bodies: <https://www.ciriec.uliege.be/en/who-we-are/instances/>
- Presentations of CIRIEC's activities: https://www.ciriec.uliege.be/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CIRpr_October2021-EN.pdf
- Research topics: <https://www.ciriec.uliege.be/en/research/>
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