

CIRIEC-France, 2022-2024 activities

Introduction

As a preamble, five points are highlighted concerning the situation of CIRIEC-France.

1 – Firstly, CIRIEC has maintained the course it has set since its creation, i.e. to conduct academic research and provide information on economic models that serve the collective interest:

- those of the public economy
- those of the social and solidarity economy
- models that combine the public economy and the SSE
- and without taboos, the developments of the new concepts of enterprises defined by the law of 2014 and the Pact law: social enterprises and mission-driven enterprises.

It should be remembered that CIRIEC is a scientific organisation, which does not refrain from publishing information or even positions on current events. The arrival of GALILEE.SP within CIRIEC-France will enable us to better explore the field of public services and public functions, where reforms are underway. Finally, there are still plans to rebalance the public economy and the SSE, the latter having taken on a greater role in the news in recent years, particularly with its recognition by international institutions and the activism that has developed in favour of this form of managing the economy differently.

2 – The visibility of CIRIEC-France has improved, thanks to the communication tools implemented, the publications distributed and the events organised. It has also benefited from the close links maintained with CIRIEC International, which itself has close partnerships with international institutions and organisations. In addition, the Orientation Council has been renewed for 2023, with more young researchers, which should further enhance CIRIEC's visibility in the ecosystem.

3 – The work programme has been sustained, in particular with the continuation of the 'Collective Economy and Territories' collection, but also with the various events organised at national and international levels. In 2024, in addition to the conference on 'Public enterprises as actors in sustainable development and transition', a new conference will be organised in Paris with CIRIEC International on the role of collective economy actors in fair sustainable development. The work programme of CIRIEC-France will also include topics proposed by the Orientation Council and the GALILEE.SP collective.

4 – The means to carry out this work remain an issue to which attention must be paid. While new memberships are regularly registered, which is positive and encouraging, there are also departures for various reasons, which means that the number of members remains more or less the same from one year to the next. It is therefore essential to step up efforts to increase membership, particularly among organisations, and to sign partnership agreements wherever possible. However, the association's financial situation remains healthy,

with equity representing a year's operating costs and backed by an equivalent level of cash.

1. 2022-2024 activities

1.1. Research and information

Since its creation, the common thread running through CIRIEC-France's work has been research and information on collective interest economic models and the idea of implementing better synergies between public action, particularly at the local level, and the general interest activities carried out by social economy organisations.

- **Continuing work on the “Collective economy and territories”**

This research was launched in 2020 on the theme of the collective economy in the territories, based on a contribution of Michel Papaud, a member of the CIRIEC-France Orientation Council. A research group was set up, made up of academics, experts and practitioners from large public and private organisations, with the ambitious objective of analysing the dynamics that are organised in the territories with the actors of public authorities and the social and solidarity economy. Since 2022, this group has published on the issues encountered in the territories and has put forward a set of proposals on these themes. 44 people (academics, researchers, public and social economy practitioners) have taken part in these works:

The first book published in 2022 dealt with health.

Books published in 2023	Books to be published in 2024
- Finance in January 2023	- Education in March 2024
- Water Energy in April 2023	- Care in June 2024
- Housing in May 2023	- Mobility in September 2024
- Employment in September 2023	- Volunteering in December 2024.

The book on volunteering will complete the collection, and will take stock of the systemic nature actors intervening in territories.

- **“Health Mission” Group**

At the request of the French Chamber of the Social and Solidarity Economy (ESS France), CIRIEC-France conducted a study into the place of Social and Solidarity Economy actors in the healthcare system, their perspectives for making a sustainable contribution to national and local public policies in this area and the structures needed to achieve this. The final report was submitted to ESS France in June 2024.

- **The CIRIEC-France monthly newsletter**

This downloadable electronic newsletter was designed in 2008 to report on the activities of our section and those of CIRIEC International, and to provide information on events and publications of CIRIEC's partner organisations. It is also a forum for free debate, open to all those who wish to express their views on substantive issues relating to forms of economy whose purpose is the collective interest, whether the public economy or the SSE. The Newsletter is distributed every month to more than 2,100 contacts.

- **The CIRIEC-France Entretiens (Interviews)**

Distributed within the CIRIEC network and published in the *Ideals and debates* section of the website, the Entretiens are intended to raise awareness of CIRIEC among key figures in the public economy and the SSE, and to give them and the heads of the association's member organisations the opportunity a voice.

In 2022, the following interviews were carried out:

- * Jérôme Saddier, Chairman of ESS France – (February)
- * Vincent Bouillaguet, President of AFCM – (April)
- * Anne-Marie Harster, President of Solidarité Laïque – (November)

In 2023, 3 interviews were held:

- * Youssef Achour, President of CRESS-Ile de France; President of the UP Group – (February)
- * Claire Thoury, President of Mouvement Associatif – (April)
- * Bruno Caron, President of the Mutuelle Générale de l'Économie et des Finances – Mgéfi – (October).

1.2. Events

CIRIEC-France organised the following events:

- **« L'hôpital en crise, quelles solutions ? » (The hospital in crisis, what solutions?)** - 28 June 2022
- **« L'ESS reconnue et promue par les institutions internationales : de quelle ESS parle-t-on ? » (SSE recognised and promoted by international institutions: Which SSE are we talking about?)** - 26 June 2023
- **« Une autre économie, pour une autre Europe ? » (Another economy, for another Europe?)** - 27 November 2023

and participated in the following international meetings:

- **33rd International Congress of CIRIEC - València (Spain)** - 13-15 June 2022
- **10th Mont Blanc Meeting in Carthagena de Indias (Colombia)** - 17-19 October 2022

The Mont Blanc Meetings organised by ESS Forum International focused on the theme of "The social and solidarity economy, local and

international solutions in a changing world in the context of the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals”.

- **Participation in CIRIEC international bodies**

CIRIEC International met regularly during 2022:

- 2 Praesidium meetings: 29 April, 12 June
- 2 Boards of Directors: 14 June, 4 November
- 2 International Boards: 22 February, 6 October
- 1 General Assembly: 14 June

2. Administration and functioning

Statutory bodies

CIRIEC-France met regularly during 2022 and 2023:

	2022	2023
Bureau	27 January – 28 March – 11 October	18 January
Board of Directors	27 January – 23 March – 17 November	31 May – 11 July – 22 September
General Assembly	28 June	26 June
Guidance Council		27 November

The governance

The Board of Directors was elected by the General Assembly on 26 October 2020 and is renewable in its entirety every three years. The term of office of the directors will end in 2023 at the General Assembly, which will approve the 2022 accounts. The Board is composed of 24 members and two honorary presidents invited. The 11-member bureau was also renewed. The association's bodies have been rejuvenated and diversified. The list of directors and members of the Guidance Council is attached to this report.

Partnerships

- End of 2023, the association had 96 members, including 23 organisations and 73 individuals. New members have been registered, as increasing the number of members is a constant concern not only to have sufficient resources for the functioning of the association, but also to bring together those who, sharing CIRIEC's convictions, agree to support its work.

- A new agreement signed with MGEN on 4 January 2021 will expire on 31 December 2023. It involves the Institut Montparnasse, an association created by MGEN whose new strategy aims to conduct research on the mutualist identity and the impact of mutuality in France and in the French-speaking world. The aim of this tripartite agreement is to implement an active collaboration based on common interest and to promote the research and information work produced by each of the three parties.

The means of communication

CIRIEC-France's communication tools consist of:

- electronic media:
 - o The website www.ciriec-france.org
 - o Contacts-CIRIEC, electronic file with approximately 2,100 contacts
 - o A Twitter account (440 followers)
 - o A YouTube video channel
- Paper based-materials:
 - o The monthly newsletter is distributed electronically but can be downloaded
 - o The various summary sheets: history, presentation, governance, publications, also available on the website

Conclusion

Despite the difficult context of the years 2020 and 2021, CIRIEC's work has continued in 2022 and 2023, always with the conviction that it is necessary to combine the strengths and talents of public organisations and those of the social and solidarity economy in order to implement an economic system that meets people's essential needs. This is all the more necessary as the issues of inequality and poverty become more and more glaring and intolerable in this rapidly changing world. At the time of writing this report, war is on the doorstep of Europe, creating great uncertainty for the future. All the more reason for public and social and solidarity economy activists to campaign for peace, just as the founders of CIRIEC, Edgard Milhaud, Léon Jouhaux (Nobel Peace Prize winner), and many others did.