

WEBINAR

THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT: KEY ELEMENTS FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE AGENDA

11 December 2024. 16h CET



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PROGRAMME

11.12.24

16.00. Registration and welcome.

16.05h. Event opening.

- **Georgia Karavangeli**. Counselor of International Relations at REAS - Red de Redes de Economía Alternativa y Solidaria and co-coordinator international working group.
- **Aicha Belassir**. General Director for the Social Economy and Corporate Social Responsibility. Ministry of Labour and Social Economy.

16.25h. The role of the SSE in the European context.

- **Sarah de Heusch**. Director of Social Economy Europe.
- **Carlos Roldán**. Social Policy Coordinator of Solidar.
- **Jason Nardi**. European general delegate of RIPESS.

17.15h. Discussion space with participants from the public.

17.50h. Closing Session.

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The Confederal Network is made up of 15 territorial networks and 5 sectoral networks that bring together more than 1,000 organisations and companies. Currently more than 50,000 workers and volunteers are involved. In more than 25 years of existence, since its constitution in 1995, it has sought to strengthen the Social and Solidarity Economy movement throughout Spain, deepening its capacity as a subject of social transformation based on the values and practices set out in the Charter of Principles of the Solidarity Economy.

REAS Red de Redes works from a threefold perspective: as a critical economy approach, as a set of alternative economy practices and as a movement that seeks social transformation.

At the international level, it is part of RIPSS Europe and has developed an International Strategy to deploy its actions in this field.

SPEAKERS

Georgia Karavangeli

Secretary and Counselor of International Relations at REAS Red de Redes de Economía Alternativa y Solidaria. Additionally, she coordinates the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) and Social Innovation team at the NGO Asamblea de Cooperación Por la Paz (ACPP). With a strong academic foundation in international relations, economics, and regional development, Georgia has dedicated her career to fostering collaboration and solidarity through European territorial and international cooperation projects. She actively engages with diverse stakeholders across countries to promote transformative initiatives. Her work focuses on advancing public policies and building networks that strengthen the Social and Solidarity Economy movement, contributing to community-driven transformation rooted in solidarity, equity, and shared values.





Aicha Belassir

General Director of the Social Economy and Corporate Social Responsibility of the Spanish Government. Her functions include the design of public policies for the promotion and dissemination of the Social Economy and Corporate Social Responsibility, the dialogue with business entities and associations for the promotion of corporate social responsibility, among others. She is the author of numerous publications related to the Social Economy and Responsible Public Procurement. In addition, as a result of her career in the Social Economy, she has been named one of the 100 most relevant women in social enterprises in Europe and a member of the Group of Women Leaders of the Social Economy.

During 2023 she has been executive secretary of the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social and Solidarity Economy (RIPESS Intercontinental), representing it at the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE), at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and at the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF).



Sarah de Heusch

Sarah de Heusch is director of Social Economy Europe (SEE), the voice of nearly 3 million social economy enterprises and organisations in Europe. SEE members are European and national organizations, that represent Associations, Cooperatives, Foundations Mutuals and social enterprises. SEE federates these voices and is a reference point at European level, a strategic partner to European institutions and secretariat of the European Parliaments Social Economy Intergroup.

As part of her role Sarah is member of different high level working groups such as the UN task force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE), the European Commission Expert Group on Social Economy (GECES), the EESC Civil Society Liaison Group as well as acts as expert advisor for the EC Committee Code of Conduct for data management and sharing in the social economy. SEE also coordinates (together with Euricse) the Large Scale partnership for upskilling and reskilling of the Proximity & Social Economy ecosystem of the EU industrial strategy.

Sarah is also member of la Coop de Communs since 2017. Previously she was the Institutional Affairs Officer and Chair of Smart's ethical committee, a cooperative of freelancers. She hold a Masters in Political Sociology from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.



Carlos Roldán

Carlos Roldán is a social psychologist with over 15 years of experience in the NGO sector. Since September 2020, he has been leading the social affairs strategy of SOLIDAR as Social Policy Coordinator. In this role, he manages the Social Rights in Europe and Migration team, engages with member organizations, oversees EU-funded projects and programs, and ensures policy alignment across key policy areas including social and solidarity economy.

Prior to joining SOLIDAR, he held various positions at Liga de la Educación, a Spanish member organization of SOLIDAR, where he managed EU projects and coordinated initiatives focused on migration and intercultural and global citizenship education.



Jason Nardi

European general delegate of RIPPES - the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy, president of RIES (Italian Solidarity Economy Network) and co-founder of Solidarius Italia. Jason is a member of the International Council of the World Social Forum and promoter of the World Social Forum on Transformative Economies. He has a background in communication and media (Princeton University and the University of Florence) and is a trainer on ethical and mutualistic finance. Jason currently lives in Florence, where he promotes Community Supported Agriculture projects, territorial cooperation and the Forum Firenze Beni Comuni (Florence Forum of the Commons).