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# SSE Initiatives in the Territories

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# Questions for the on-line discussion

1. The SSE is developing which actions / innovations to link (ethical) producers and (ethical) consumers? How should more progress be made?
  2. The SSE is developing which actions / innovations to link (ethical) production and solidarity / social finance? How should more progress be made?
  3. The SSE is developing which actions / innovations to create an alternative market for SSE products and services at the local, national and international levels? How should more progress be made?
  4. The SSE is developing which actions / innovations that contribute to territorial development? How should more progress be made
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# Introduction



- ▶ Local development and community development initiatives – a 50 year history
- ▶ SEE and related initiatives are a response from people to create activity and solve problems
- ▶ Many initiatives to integrate the two dimension in a more deliberate manner
- ▶ Organised work started in 2007 in Europe
- ▶ Theme 7 at the Luxemburg 2009 RIPPSS meeting : *Territorial anchorage of SSE*
- ▶ 2009-2013 – Learning journeys and internet exchanges of information



# The web discussion

- From July 22 to October 1 in three phases
- 60 contributions
- 15 in three languages
- 13 In French and English
- 20 in French only
- 7 in English only
- 1 Spanish only and 3 associated with French or English



# **General summary of preparatory discussions for Manila'13**

**Fact: economic and trade globalization is creating new problems.**

## **1. Changing direction by combining two obligations**


**Ensure social and economic justice for all**

**Participate in the transformation of major global issues**

## **2. To speed up the change of scale for solutions, it is better to mobilize inventiveness, reality and resources rather than wait for institutions to do everything**

**The act of pooling and communicating lessons learnt from practical experience is gradually revitalizing the fundamentals of collective action.**


**By taking back control over their lives, concrete individuals create the collective spaces they need to become organized.**

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- **3. Thinking in terms of interlinked territoriality prepares the ground for democratic governance of the social, economic and ecological**
    - **The territory is the geographical basis for organizing relationships**
    - **Territorial roots provide a concrete basis for learning how to manage common goods and define shared social responsibilities**
    - **Institutional support: a decisive external factor**



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- **4. Using the real economy as the basis to restructure business activity and creates tomorrow's jobs**
    - **Developing 21<sup>st</sup> century enterprises**
    - **Taking the path of prosperity founded on quality-based development is possible ...**
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- **Three challenges for the next four years**
  - **How to strengthen the organization of “enterprises that cooperate at the local level”?**
  - **How to organize at different levels to prepare the conditions for a democratic territorial governance of the social, the economy and the ecological?**
  - **How experiences in the territories can contribute to the RIPPSS intercontinental project of “constructing the social solidarity economy as an alternative model”?**



# Workshop speakers



- ▶ Martine Theveniaut – Lead discussant
- ▶ Bhola Bhattarai – Nepal
- ▶ Shah Salam - Bangladesh
- ▶ Judith Hitchman – Europe
- ▶ Nelson Melo – Latin America
- ▶ Rosario Martinez – Central America
- ▶ Michael Toyé – Canada
- ▶ Khady Fall Diop - Africa