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Dear actors and supporters of the social and solidarity economy,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the newest newsletter of the RELIESS, an international center for referencing and networking on public policies for the social and solidarity economy (SSE).

The RELIESS endeavours to foster the international dissemination of information on public policy, particularly collaboration processes between civil society and the public sector that has led to the development of innovative SSE experiences. It also intends to enable the international networking of actors around the development of public policies for the social and solidarity economy, both within civil society and within public administrations.

In addition to the publishing news items on public policy for the SSE on the RELIESS website and the dissemination particularly promising developments via email, the newsletters serve to highlight certain initiatives and new documentation regarding policy co-construction for the SSE.

The November 2013 newsletter presents new national case studies on the SSE, underlines the creation of the UN inter-agency taskforce on the SSE and highlights several promising collaborations taking place between municipalities and actors of the SSE.

We invite you to visit the RELIESS website ([www.reliess.org](http://www.reliess.org)), to share with us relevant news on public policy for the SSE and to send us any questions or special inquiries you may have on the subject at [reliess@chantier.qc.ca](mailto:reliess@chantier.qc.ca).

The RELIESS is coordinated by the [Chantier de l'économie sociale](#), in Québec, Canada. The Chantier's mission is to promote the social economy as an integral part Québec's plural economy and thus to participate in the democratisation of the economy as well as the emergence of this model of development based on values of solidarity, equity and transparency.

## SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY LEGISLATION

### **A great day for the social economy in Québec, Canada! Final adoption of a framework law for the social economy**

The National Assembly unanimously adopted the draft law on the social economy on October 10th 2013.

Less than a year after Québec prime minister Pauline Marois announced in her inauguration speech her intention to submit this bill to parliament, Quebec is now part of the global movement that recognizes the social economy and has adopted framework legislation to support it.

The Chantier de l'économie sociale's CEO Ms. Nancy Neamtan responded by saying: "This is a great day for Quebec! Recognizing the social economy as an important component of the Quebec economy, along with the private and public economy, gives us hope. Quebec in this way consolidates its position within the frontrunner group of societies who understand the enormous potential of this approach to development for the 21st century. "

France's imminent adoption of [a bill on the social and solidarity economy](#) is also being monitored closely.

For more information on framework laws for the social and solidarity economy throughout the world, visit the [FRAMEWORK LAW SECTION OF THE RELIESS](#).

## NEW RELIESS NATIONAL CASE STUDIES

New national case studies were coordinated by the RELIESS, in partnership the [International Development Research Center](#) (IDRC) in order to provide comparative perspectives on policies and partnership experiences between public actors and civil society that have enabled the creation of social and solidarity economy enterprises and improved their capacity to meet economic and social development objectives. The countries studied are Burkina Faso, South Korea, Ecuador, Nepal and Mexico (Fides Fund).

Each case study was carried out by a researcher in the country concerned, paired with one or more community partners. RELIESS partners also participated in the orientation and content revision studies.

Read the studies; [Burkina Faso](#) (in French), [Ecuador](#) (in Spanish), [Nepal](#), [Mexico](#) (in Spanish), [South Korea](#).

To read other national case studies amongst which those produced for the FIESS (Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, South Africa, Mali, Spain) and for the OECD (Poland, South Korea, Slovenia, France), visit the [DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF THE RELIESS](#).



# ADVANCES FOR THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS INSTANCES

## RELIESS at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

The RELIESS submitted an article proposal based on the national case studies produced for the FIESS, the RELIESS and the others produced for the OECD, within the framework of an [UNRISD conference on the "Potential and limitations of the social and solidarity economy »](#) co-organised with the International Labour Organisation.

The article was chosen from amongst over five hundred proposals received. The RELIESS coordinator as well as Professor Margie Mendell from Concordia University, were invited to present a summary of the article in Geneva in May 2013. The article was then selected by UNRISD to be included in a book of articles on the theme of the conference.

Following this meeting, **the UN established an [Inter-Agency taskforce on the SSE](#)**. This new inter-agency partnership seeks to help countries mobilize political will and strengthen momentum towards integrating recognition and support of the SEE in national and international policy frameworks.

## Fifth International Meeting of the Intercontinental Network For the Promotion of Social and Solidarity Economy (RIPESS)

Welcoming the recent initiative of 14 United Nations agencies to establish an Inter-Agency Taskforce on the social and solidarity economy, the 600 participants at the [5th RIPESS International Meeting on Social Solidarity Economy](#), held on 15-18 October in Manila, called on the new body to carry on the work begun this year by UNRISD and the ILO by organizing an annual conference on SSE. [Read more here](#)

### Networking:

*The RELIESS invites any actor of the SSE seeking to build ties with other organizations to inform us of their interest. The RELIESS works to foster international dialogue on the co-construction of public policy for the SSE and to enable exchanges on best practices in order to encourage the adoption of effective public policy in this domain.*



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# MUNICIPAL INITIATIVES FOR THE SSE

## The Global Social Economy Forum of Seoul

The [Global Social Economy Forum](#) was held in Seoul from November 5th to 7th 2013 and developed new possibilities for collaboration by creating a space for key stakeholders worldwide to share ideas and experiences and actively to work towards a new paradigm of social economy for the future.

One of the central questions of the forum focused on the role of the social economy in the development of local communities. Initiatives from the city of Seoul, the city of Bologna, the city of Paris and from Québec were presented.



[Read the Forum declaration here.](#)

## Support for the development of the social and solidarity economy in French cities

An agreement on objectives for priority neighborhoods -2013 2015 – was signed by the Deputy Minister in charge of the SSE, Benoît Hamon, and the Minister for cities, Francois Lamy. The agreement aims to develop the SSE in neighborhoods in order to “encourage job creation ” and “to develop social entrepreneurship and social innovation”.

[Read more here](#)

## International Meeting of Francophone Mayors

Francophone local officials gathered in Paris from the 14th to the 16th November 2013 for the XXXIII General Assembly of the International Association of Francophone Mayors to exchange on the topic “Francophone Elected Officials: Their Actions In Favour Of the Social And Solidarity Economy”.

Read all the presentations [here](#)

Follow the news on the [RELIESS homepage](#) to stay up to date on new municipal initiatives for the SSE taking place around the world.