


I EURO-MENA SOCIAL AND
SOLIDARITY ECONOMY FORUM



Innovation and best practices: **Cooperation and exchange synergies between Europe and the MENA region**

NOVEMBER 8 AND 9, 2023

LOCATION: 
EURO-ARAB FOUNDATION
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Social and solidarity economy (SSE) is increasingly establishing itself as a serious and essential agent of change, providing functional and collective solutions to current problems, whether they are economic, social, cultural, or environmental. In fact, thanks to its practical contributions, SSE has become a priority on the agendas and programs of various international organizations. At the end of 2021, the European Commission approved its plan titled *“Building an economy that works for people: an action plan for the social economy,”* which proposed concrete measures around three main pillars: creating the necessary conditions for the development of this economy, opening prospects for growth and expansion for its stakeholders, and recognizing the importance of this economic model.



On the other hand, in 2013, the United Nations established the Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE) with the aim of: increasing recognition of the role of SSE enterprises and organizations in sustainable development; promoting awareness of SSE and strengthening SSE networks; supporting the establishment of an institutional and regulatory environment conducive to SSE; and ensuring the coordination of international efforts and the creation and strengthening of partnerships.

In this context, the Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies and Princess Alanood Foundation of Saudi Arabia, in collaboration with the Faculty of Labor Relations and Human Resources at the University of Granada, are organizing the first edition of the Euro-Mena Social and Solidarity Economy Forum, dedicated this year to **“Innovation and best practices: cooperation and exchange synergies between Europe and the Mena region”**, which will take place in the city of Granada on November 8 and 9, 2023.



This event aims to be an open space for discussion, meetings, reflection, and exchange on the theoretical and practical aspects of social and solidarity economy and its applications in Europe and the Middle East and North Africa (Mena) region. It also seeks to serve as a platform for networking and cooperation among professionals and stakeholders interested in the alternative economy. Concepts, theories, and foundations of SSE will be examined, and the interaction between the market, the public sector, and civil society in this alternative economy will be studied. Furthermore, the event will showcase the experiences and innovations of social economy enterprises on the ground in various countries.



PARTICIPATING EXPERTS :

Yousef Alhuzaim (Saudi Arabia).

Secretary-General of the Princess Alanood Foundation.

Jean-Louis Laville.

Lecturer at the National Conservatory of Arts and Trades (CNAM) Paris-France. Holder of the Solidarity Economy Chair at the same institution.

Chantal Line Carpentier (Switzerland).

Chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTF SSE) and Head of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Office in New York.

Paloma Bel Duran (Spain).

Director of the Cooperative Studies Association (AECCOP) and Professor at the Faculty of Economic and Business Sciences, Complutense University of Madrid.

Mustapha Bouhaddou (Morocco).

Secretary-General of the Moroccan Network for Social and Solidarity Economy (RMESS).

Francisco Díaz Bretones (Spain).

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Economic Development Advisor at the World Bank and Associate Professor at several international universities.

Sonia Bassi (Tunisia).

Research Professor at the National Institute of Labor and Social Studies, University.

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Managing Director of Capinnova Solutions.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023



10:00- 10:30 \\ Opening session



10:30- 12:00 \\ Session I:

PROMOTING SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN THE MENA REGION: BRIDGING THEORY AND ACTION.

Yousef Alhuzaim.

Secretary-General of the Princess Alanood Foundation. Saudi Arabia

Social Economy: Controversies around the Concept

Jean-Louis Laville.

Lecturer at the National Conservatory of Arts and Trades (CNAM) Paris-France. Holder of the Solidarity Economy Chair at the same institution.

The current state of the social and solidarity economy. Historical and geographical perspective.

Chantal Line Carpentier.

Chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE) and Head of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Office in New York

Advancing the Social and Solidarity Economy in the Arab States and Beyond: The UN Perspective



María Inmaculada Ramos Tapia.

Executive Secretary of the Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies. Granada

Moderator



12:00-12:30 \ \ Coffee Break

12:30- 14:00. Session II:

THE ROLE OF SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

Paloma Bel Duran.

Director of the Cooperative Studies Association (AECCOP) and Professor at the Faculty of Economic and Business Sciences. Complutense University of Madrid.

Women's Entrepreneurship in Social Economy: Best Practices and Support Measures

Mustapha Bouhaddou.

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Retrospective on the Moroccan Experience in Social and Solidarity Economy

Marina Checa Olivas.

Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business. Department of Applied Economics. University of Granada

Moderator

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023



10:00- 11:30. Session III:

SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN ADDRESSING UNEMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY

Francisco Díaz Bretones.

Dean of the Faculty of Labour Relations and Human Resources, Department of Social Psychology. University of Granada

Social Economy and Self-Employment as Strategies to Address Job Precariousness in Times of Crisis.



Atef Elshabrawy.

Economic Development Advisor at the World Bank and Associate Professor at several international universities. Egypt / Bahrain

Social Economy: Innovative Experiences and Solutions for Unemployment and Poverty Eradication

Mercedes Rodríguez Molina.

Director of the Institute for Regional Development Research. University of Granada

Moderator



11:30- 12:00. Coffee Break

12:00- 13:30. Session IV:

SOCIAL INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION IN SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES

Sonia Bassi.

Associate Professor at the National Institute of Labor and Social Studies. University of Carthage. Tunisia

Innovate, Include, Impact: Social and Solidarity Economy for a Sustainable Future

Suliman Abdulaziz Azzabin.

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Social Economy in Saudi Arabia: The Experience of Namal Impact Investment Company

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FORUM LANGUAGES

Spanish, French, and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation service.

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