

EMES FACT SHEET

SUMMARY

EMES is a network of research centres with a long track record. It is considered as a leading European network on the third sector and social enterprise.

EMES has a strong global position and cooperates with centres of excellence in Asia, North America, Latin America and Africa. Its goal is threefold:

1. to build a European corpus of theoretical and empirical knowledge around social enterprise, social entrepreneurship, social economy, solidarity economy, social innovation, and the third sector;
2. to provide scientific evidence of the evolution of social enterprise and active citizenship in an integrated Europe, where these play a central role;
3. to reinforce its position at the global level and increase cooperation with centres of excellence on all continents.

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FACTS

EMES scholars are frequently used as experts by organisations like the European Commission, the UNDP, the OECD, and numerous national and regional governments.

EMES work is quoted in legal documents and policy programmes in states as different as Italy, Poland, Korea, Finland, and Greece, as well as by the European Commission.

EMES has conducted eight major European research projects spanning over 14 years, that have mobilised over 125 researchers in more than 25 countries.

EMES works have been published in and translated to eight languages (Chinese, English, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish).

EMES faculty members organise BA, Master, Executive Master and PhD courses and programmes in social enterprise and social entrepreneurship.

The major international conferences organised by EMES as of 2011 had a combined attendance of some 1,400 participants from more than 40 countries, with over 250 paper and panel sessions presented.

EMES publications are downloaded an average of 1,200 times monthly.

EMES website receives annually over 155,000 visits.



EMES ACHIEVEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Social Economy: Innovative Model of Economic and Social Development in Slovakia, Slovak Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and UNDP-BRC (2012-14).

The REScoop 20-20-20 Project, Fostering Social Acceptance of Renewable Energy Sources by Stakeholder Engagement, Executive Agency for Competitiveness & Innovation, European Commission (2012-14).

Legal Assessment of the Social Entrepreneurship Framework in Egypt, World Bank (2012).

ILO-EMES project on the informal economy (2011-13).

The WILCO Project, Welfare Innovations at the Local Level in Favour of Cohesion, 7th Framework Programme, European Commission (2010-13).

The RECOSET Project, Research Network on Cooperative and Social Enterprises in Transition Contexts, Marie Curie Action, European Commission (2010-12).

The WISEs Project, on work integration social enterprises as tools for promoting inclusion, PROGRESS, European Commission (2007-09).

Study on Promoting the Role of Social Enterprises in CEE and the CIS, United Nations Development Programme's Bratislava Regional Centre (UNDP-BRC) (2006-08).

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The Childcare Project, on childcare services in Europe, 5th Framework Programme, European Commission (2001-04).

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The EMES Project, on the emergence of social enterprise in Europe, 4th Framework Programme, European Commission (1996-99).

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Trends and Challenges for Co-operatives and Social Enterprises in Developed and Transition Countries, Borzaga, C. & Spear, R. (eds), Edizioni31, Trento, 2004.

The Emergence of Social Enterprise, Borzaga, C. & Defourny, J. (eds), Routledge, London / New York, 2001. *

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Tackling Social Exclusion in Europe. The contribution of the Social Economy, Spear, R., Defourny, J., Favreau, L. & Laville, J.-L. (eds), Ashgate, Aldershot, 2001.

* Available in hardcover and paperback version.
EMES Working Papers Series (37 papers) and *EMES Conferences Selected Papers Series* (74 papers)

EVENTS

RESEARCH CONFERENCES

EMES-ISTR International Research Conferences (France, 2005 and Spain, 2008).

EMES International Conferences on Social Enterprise (Italy, 2009, Denmark, 2011 and Belgium, 2013).

Social and solidarity economy in an international perspective (Brazil, 2009).

International Conference on Social Enterprises in Eastern Asia (Taiwan, 2010).

Sino-Europa Forum (Hong Kong, 2010).

EMES-Polanyi International Seminar (France, 2012).

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Training programs in more than ten European universities.

EMES PhD Summer Schools (France, 2008, Denmark, 2010 and Italy, 2012).

EMES PhD Student Network (with its own blog and regular communication).

On the basis of such achievements, EMES is more than ever recognised as the leading network of scholars across Europe in the third sector and social enterprise. It is also considered as the major European partner by regional networks in North America and Latin America (including one led by Harvard Business School) as well as in East Asia.