



**From a project-based EU thematic network
to a worldwide leading
EMES International Research Network**

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MAJOR STEPS IN EMES HISTORY

1996-2000 (Prehistory): EMES as a EUROPEAN THEMATIC NETWORK

- EMES Project 1996-99 (DG Research - 4th Framework Programme)
- 15 researchers from the 15 member states (JD as coordinator)
- Meetings in various EU cities every 6 months, with field visits
- E. Pezzini (CECOP) as an administrative and organizational assistant
- Publication of the book « *The Emergence of Social Enterprise* » (2001), Limited audience as the book was not available in paperback before 2004
- International Colloquium around the book in Trento (2001)
- High level of mutual trust, strong team spirit and willingness to continue



MAJOR STEPS (2)

2001-2004 (Formalization): the **EMES EUROPEAN RESEARCH NETWORK**

- **PERSE Project** (DG Research – 5th FP) as a key driver
- 12 researchers and M. Nyssens as a coordinator (2001-2004)
- Preparation of a 2d EMES major book: ***Social Enterprise (2006)*** on WISEs
- Other EU Projects: Elexies, Child Care, Third System and Employment
- **April 20, 2002**: EMES set up as a not-for-profit organization under Belgian law: « **EMES European Network- Réseau Européen EMES asbl** » located at CES, University of Liege (JD as president)
- Cera Foundation and Fondazione Cariplo as **first sponsors**
- 2004: **Rocio Nogales** hired as a part-time coordination assistant
- Increasing interest at Social Economy European Conferences (Prague 2002, Opening lecture in Krakow 2004)



MAJOR STEPS (3)

2005-2009 (Consolidation): How to live without major research projects

- No new major EU Project in spite of several attempts
- Fast increasing international interest in both EMES seminal books
- **Major financial support** from the French-speaking Community of Belgium: 50 000 euro/year over the period 2005-2009
- **Coordination Unit:** Rocio hired as a full-time coordinator (moved to Madrid in 2007), Sophie Adam as a part-time editorial assistant

NEW MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- **EMES-ISTR European Conferences** in Paris (2005) and Barcelona (2008)
- Members' Seminar in Barcelona (2006) → joint paper most quoted in SEJ
- Minor research projects involving a few EMES members only (ex. with UNDP)

Two strategic decisions:

- 1st **EMES PhD Summer School** in Corte, Corsica (2008)
- 1st **EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise** (Trento, 2009)



1st EMES PhD Summer School in Corsica, 2008



Participants of the 1st EMES International PhD Summer School (Corse, France, 3-7 July 2008)

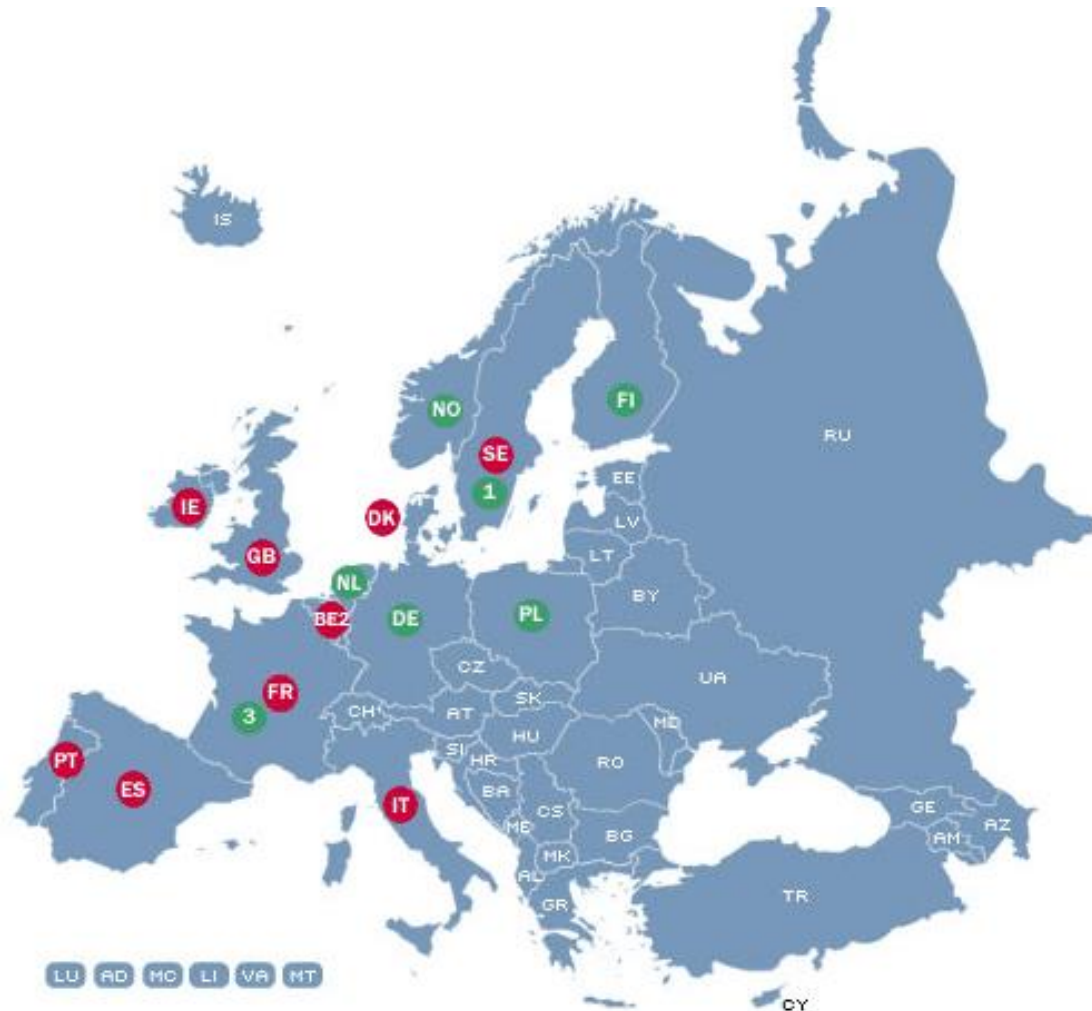
EMES MEMBERSHIP

CENTER MEMBERS (11):

- (BE) CES - Centre d'Economie Sociale, HEC-Université de Liège
- (BE) CERISIS - Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires pour la Solidarité et l'Innovation Sociale, UCL
- (DK) CSE - Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, Roskilde University
- (ES) CIES - Centro de Investigación de Economía y Sociedad, Barcelona
- (FR) CRIDA - Centre de Recherche et d'Information sur la Démocratie et l'Autonomie, Paris
- (GB) CRU - Co-operatives Research Unit, The Open University, Milton Keynes
- (IE) Centre for Co-operative Studies, University College Cork
- (IT) EURICSE – European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises, Trento University
- (NO) Social Research Institute, Oslo
- (PT) CESIS - Centro de Estudos para a Intervenção Social, Lisbon
- (SE) Södertörns högskola, Huddinge

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS (10) :

- (DE) Karl BIRKHÖLZER, Tech-Net Berlin
- (DE) Adalbert EVERS, Universität Justus Liebig, Giessen
- (FI) Pekka PÄTTINIEMI, KSL Civic Association for Adult Learning
- (FR) Laurent GARDIN, Université de Valenciennes/LISE
- (FR) Jean-Louis LAVILLE, CNAM/LISE, Paris
- (FR) Vincent LHUILLIER, Ecole de Santé Publique, Université Henri Poincaré
- (NL) Taco BRANDSEN, Radboud University Nijmegen
- (PT) Ewa LEŚ, Polish Academy of Sciences
- (SE) Victor PESTOFF, Institute for Civil Society Studies, Ersta-Sköndal University College



EMES members around 2007



MAJOR STEPS (4)

2010- 2015 (Globalization): From Europe to the World

- **Lars Hulgard as president** (Summer School and Conference in Roskilde)
- Significant financial support from a **Danish Foundation**
- Various collaborations and partnerships in Latin America (RILESS), Eastern Asia (joint conferences in Taiwan, 2010 and South Korea 2014) and Eastern Europe (including through EURICSE). Joint events with Polanyi Institute.
- 4th EMES Conference in Liege (2013): registration fees left to EMES
- **ICSEM Project** launched in July 2013 (more than 200 research partners)
- **New members from all regions, new name and new bylaws** in 2015:
EMES International Research Network
- **Coordination Unit: Rocio** as a **managing director**, with assistance from
 - **Sabine Spada** (accounting and financial matters)
 - **Jenny Eschweiler** as **service provider** to EMES-related EU research projects : valorization-dissemination activities (ex: for WILCO Project led by Taco 2010-2014, and the Third Sector Impact Project 2014-2017)
 - **Sophie Adam** hired as an ICSEM coordination assistant



ICSEM Meeting, 2014



MAJOR STEPS (5)

2016 - 2018 (Stabilisation): EMES as a GLOBAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

- **Marthe Nyssens as president** (and organizer of the 6th EMES Conference)
- Fees of the EMES Conference left to EMES (around 100 000 euro)
- **ICSEM Project** : towards 3 major books to be published by Routledge (Sophie as an 2/3 time editorial assistant, supported by one Belgian and two French foundations untill 2020)
- COST Action **EMPOWER-SE** « Empowering the next generation of SE scholars » 2017- 2021. Significant financial support from the **Bernheim Foundation** for the coordination.
- Overall annual budget: from 170 000 euro to 240 000 euro to be compared to an annual budget of 90 000-130 000 euro untill 2010
- **In search of a new, more stable, economic model:** structural support to be combined with research projects, membership fees, conference fees and other resources.