The “International Comparative Social Enterprise Models” Project
2013–2020

A pioneering worldwide research project, bringing together researchers from all over the world

A unique worldwide research project aiming to identify, analyse and compare social enterprise models across countries, regions and fields

Over 220 researchers working together under the coordination of two leading scholars in the field of social enterprise, Jacques Defourny (CES, HEC - University of Liege, Belgium) and Marthe Nyssens (CIRTES, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium)

Some 60 countries covered, in all regions of the world

A database on some 720 social enterprises from over 40 countries

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MAJOR STEPS OF THE PROJECT

I. Context, concepts, models

Understanding context and concepts in each country to identify SE models and to describe their institutional trajectories. Country studies published as ICSEM Working papers (all available at http://www.iap-socent.be/icsem-working-papers).

II. Building up an international database on social enterprise

On the basis of a common questionnaire, collection of data about over 700 social enterprises emblematic of the SE models identified in the first stage, with a view to strengthening international comparative analysis and to proposing a worldwide typology of SE models.

III. Comparative analysis of SE models within world regions and at the global level

Publications (special issues and books) combining country-level information from previous stages, statistical work on key SE features as well as transversal analysis of some issues such as institutionalisation of SE models.
2013-2019 major events

General meetings (all researchers)

ICSEM Kick-off Meeting, July 5, 2013, Liege, Belgium
General ICSEM Meeting, June 30, 2015, Helsinki, Finland
General ICSEM Meeting, June 27-28, 2016, Stockholm, Sweden
General ICSEM Meeting, July 6-7, 2017, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
Official presentation of the first two ICSEM books, June 25, 2019, Sheffield, United Kingdom

Researchers’ regional symposiums

ICSEA - Eastern ICSEM Symposium, July 5-6, 2014, Won Ju, South Korea
Western ICSEM Symposium, October 9-10, 2014, La Roche, Belgium
Latin American ICSEM Symposium, May 24-25, 2015, Santiago, Chile
Central and Eastern European ICSEM Symposium, April 21-22, 2016, Tirana, Albania
Western European ICSEM Symposium, May 18, 2016, Paris, France
Latin American ICSEM Symposium, December, 15-18, 2016, Florianópolis, Brazil
ICSEM-COST Empower-SE Action Meeting, February 28-March 1, 2018, Lisbon, Portugal
ICSEM-COST Empower-SE Action Meeting, January 16-1, 2019, Budapest, Hungary

Talks with local stakeholders

SELF - ICSEM Talk South Korea, July 3, 2014, Seoul, South Korea
ICSEM Talk Pomerania, November 6, 2014, Gdansk, Poland
SUPSI Study Day on SE, May 19, 2015, Lugano, Switzerland
ICSEM Talk Israel, June 9, 2015, Rishon Le’Zion, Israel
ICSEM Talk Germany, November 6, 2015, Berlin, Germany
La Gestion des Entreprises Sociales et Solidaires, Dec. 5, 2016, Le Mans, France
Promoting Social Entrepreneurship in South East Asia, May 23-24, 2017, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Country-based “ICSEM Working Papers”
(as of June 2019)


Germany


Hungary

Indonesia

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Japan


Mexico

New Zealand

Peru

Poland

Rwanda

South Africa


South Korea


Spain

Sweden

Switzerland


Taiwan

Philippines

UAE

UK

Ukraine

USA


Vietnam

Transversal


Transversal publications in journals


Veríssimo Veronese, M. & Nyssens, M. (eds) (2016) “Comparación internacional de modelos de empresas de economía social y solidaria”, Special Issue of Ciências Sociais Unisinos, 52(3). This publication includes contributions by ICSEM Partners from Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico and Peru.


ICSEM books


The last two books, Social Enterprise in Western Europe and Social Enterprise in Eastern Europe, are a joint product of the ICSEM Project and the COST Action 16206 “Empowering the next generation of social enterprise scholars”; they will be published by Routledge in late 2020.

All major ICSEM documents are available on the ICSEM website http://www.iap-socent.be/icsem-project

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