









**Positioning document** 

# **Virtual meeting:**

# Youth and Social Economy for the achievement of the SDGs

More tan a thousand of people in Latin-America and other regions of the world met by digital platforms to talk and build proposals based on the exchange of experiences and practices of the Social Economy (SE). Also, we propose the formation of a network of young people who, through reflection and action, seek the convergence of initiatives and experiences of SE and the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Aware of the current situation that the world, our regions and our countries are going through, we, the young people attending this meeting, participants from more than 25 nations, have proposed concrete actions around youth and the Social Economy that will allow our work in the progress.

#### • Visibility:

Recommendation 1. Train in practices, principles and values of SE and its relationship with the SDGs as a viable path for its implementation. Give visibility to the cooperative movement worldwide, through the dissemination and promotion of these practices, principles and values. Articulate collective actions that help us to solve part of the problems that afflict us all, which we are currently facing in our community, society, country, region and worldwide.

Recommendation 2. Generate radio, television, written media and social media programs from educational institutions, in addition to including socio-cultural networks, spaces to disseminate SE for the fulfillment of the SDGs, by promoting a true collective and personal exchange, that shows the initiatives and experiences of youth immersed in SE, from different regions of the world in order to reach more people.

### Making community:

**Recommendation 1.** Promote a culture of cooperation through training and education on SSE issues, forms of organization, care of the environment and types of SSE organisms.

That education in Social Economy should be a subject from the levels of secondary education, which is included in the technical level, where they are trained in different careers.

Consider other actors for the promotion of organizations, such as the academic and private sectors, as well as disseminate the impact generated by the SE projects in the communities, which represents not only a social, cultural, environmental and economic benefit, but also savings within public spending as actions led by SE organizations.

**Recommendation 2.** Generate knowledge management networks that promote the exchange of skills and knowledge, construction of citizenship, intergenerational dialogue, innovation and circular economy, and integrate various actors that add and territorially consolidate actions considering the social, environmental and economic dimensions.

## Multiply the SE

Recommendation 1. Incorporate in the youth institutes a space dedicated to promoting and supporting SE actions and the SDGs. Demand through them that SE is a guarantee for all people. From this, generate the conditions for social participation, understanding that SE is a transversal action and a response to climate change, promotion of social justice, reduction of the inequality gap and access to human rights.

**Recommendation 2.** Through the socialization of SE with an inclusive perspective; likewise, promote the participation of all generations and take SE to diverse environments or rural areas. Promoting the appropriation of SE processes in their localities.

With the previous proposals we will contribute to the construction of a Social Economy closer to young people; in addition, the coordination of these actions will allow us to achieve the good living of all, so that no one left behind.

#### The call to the network

For several months, in the context that Mexico has the Presidency of the Local and Executive Organizing Committee of GSEF2021, a team of youths from Mexico began to organize ourselves to echo our voices; and we started to form the international network of young people towards GSEF2021. We want it to be a space where you can share your voice, your feelings and your knowledge to articulate together actions and proposals that truly arise from our concerns as youth.

This network is an independent and voluntary space that is officially recognized by the Executive Committee of the GSEF2021 and by the National Institute of Social Economy (INAES) of Mexico and which is in constant and direct communication with both authorities to be heard for the articulation of actions towards GSEF2021.

We invite you to join this international network so that we can all go firmly towards the transformation of the world we want.

#### Conclusion

The people that are in the meeting are committed to the actions mentioned in the document, in order to guarantee that collaboration between government institutions, society and other interested sectors, are reflected in the scope of the SDGs through the Social Economy.

We are sure that by listening to each other, and meeting each other, we will join forces to build a world where many worlds can fit.

The signatories of this document are committed with these agreements to continue building the social fabric worldwide.



We share the following link where you can register, to continue communication and articulate actions.

https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/k1Qv4xfD