



**BILBAO**2018

GLOBAL SOCIAL  
ECONOMY FORUM

EUSKALDUNA  
CONFERENCE CENTER

**OCTOBER 1-3,  
2018**

Social Economy and Cities

**Values and  
competitiveness for  
an inclusive and  
sustainable local  
development**

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# GSEF2018 in brief

*The Global Social Economy Forum – GSEF 2018 is the fourth edition of this forum, that was initiated by the City of Seoul in 2013, in collaboration with its local social economy partners. The 2014 edition, held once again in the South Korean capital, culminated in the founding of the GSEF as a permanent international association uniting local governments and civil society stakeholders that recognize the Social Economy as a key factor in local economic development.*

*In 2015 Bilbao became part of the GSEF network*

*The third edition was celebrated in 2016 in the city of Montreal, where it was announced that Bilbao would host GSEF 2018*

*In February 2017 the Local Organizing Committee was created, which under the Councillorship of Economic Development, Commerce and Employment and alongside GSEF, has been the organ designing GSEF 2018. This Committee has been formed by Public Institutions and the representative entities of Social Economy.*

# The Local Organizing Committee of **GSEF2018** is constituted by public administrations and the agents of Social and Solidary Economy

- **EHLABE Labor inclusion for people with disabilities**
- **KONFEKOOP Basque Cooperatives Confederation**
- **ASLE Basque Labor Companies**
- **GIZATEA Basque Country's Association of Social Integration Enterprises**
- **SAREEN SAREA Third Sector organizations in the Basque Country**
- **REAS Networks of Alternative and Solidary Economy**
- **EUDEL Association of Basque Municipalities**
- **Bilbao City Council**
- **Provincial Council of Biscay**
- **Basque Government**
- **Arrasate-Mondragon City Council**

**Celebrated in the  
Euskalduna  
Conference Center  
October 1-3**

The Forum's main theme was agreed among all the members of the Local Organizing Committee:

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Besides the entities and institutions of the Local Organizing Committee, a key role in GSEF 208 has been played by the University of the Basque Country, the University of Deusto and Mondragon University

# INTERNATIONAL CALL

From 20 December 2017 until 23 March 2018, there was an international open call to submit initiatives or projects of Social Economy

A total of **560 initiatives** were received from **64 different countries**

# PROGRAM

- **5 plenary sessions**, where a total of 31 public figures have intervened: local authorities, representatives of the European Commission and of entities and international networks of Social Economy. All of them, coming from 4 continents to debate and give testimony for Social Economy as a leverage of a more egalitarian and sustainable social and economic development.
- **29 workshops**, distributed in 9 workshop sessions where **102 initiatives** have been presented, selected among the nearly 600 received during the international open call. Over half of the presented initiatives were locally produced.
- **4 themed workshops** organized by the **GSEF** network itself.
- **2 workshops** organized by the **European Commission**.
- **7 workshops** organized by **international entities**: ILO, OCDE, UNRISD, Fair Trade/WTO, RIPESS, UCLG, INAISE.
- **37 initiatives** submitted in **poster format**.
- **11 field visits**: **495 people** participated and **32 local companies** leading in Social Economy were visited.
- **3 side-events** organized by **GSEF partners**, and **2 publishing of reports** on a European level.

# **PARTICIPATION**

**1.664 people** coming from **75 states** and **327 cities**

## **TIPOLOGY**

- **60% Representatives of organizations and networks of Social Economy**
- **18% Representatives of Local Governments**
- **10% Representatives of Civil Society**
- **6% Representatives of Universities**
- **6% Other (press,...)**

## **ORIGIN**

- **39% Spain**
- **30% Europe**
- **15% Asia**
- **6% North America**
- **5% Africa**
- **5% Latin America**

# SOLIDARITY CONTRIBUTION

Rosa  
Fernández  
Cerdán

coordinadora  
colaboradora.org

43 fellowships were  
granted to speakers for  
travel expenses

## PRESENTATION

"SustainLIFEbility: tricks and remedies for an entrepreneurship with life in the centre" is a whole project aimed to move towards a more inclusive and sustainable entrepreneurship. Its main goal is to advance in the balance between an entrepreneur's LIFE and the SUSTAINABILITY of her/his project, that allows self-employment to be a "worth living" life or at least, that does not worsen it.

And how do we do it? Through the collective work of professionals who want to undertake their projects without neglecting their lives. With a series of methodological cards for each person or team to diagnose themselves in a unique and exclusive way and design a customised sustainLIFEbility plan.

Accommodation costs  
for 118 speakers were  
covered



# MEDIA COVERAGE

The IV Edition of the Global Social Economy Forum GSEF2018 has had great repercussion in the media, fundamentally on written press, radio, television, the internet y social networks. On this note, local news outlets have broadly covered the event, thence increasing its diffusion.

Equally, the entities which conformed the Local Organizing Committee, as well as other organizations that have somehow participated in the forum, have spread GSEF2018 through its corporate websites. Since many of them were international organizations (RIPESS, Social Economy Europe, European Union, UCLG, REVES, etc.), the international projection of the forum was further intensified.

# **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS that collaborated in GSEF2018**

- **YOUNG FOUNDATION**
- **ASHOKA**
- **UNWTO**
- **EMES International Research Network**
- **Seoul Metropolitan Government**
- **United Nations Research Institute for Social Development**
- **European Economic and Social Committee**
- **CEPES**
- **RIPESS**
- **REVES NETWORK**
- **UNRISD**
- **OCDE**

- **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**
- **SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE**
- **WORLD BANK**
- **UCLG**
- **EUROCITIES**
- **INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION**
- **METROPOLIS**
- **ICLEI Local Governments for sustainability**
- **INAISE**

# NEXT EDITION **GSEF2020**

During the Closing Ceremony of GSEF2018, it was officially announced that the next edition **GSEF2020** will take place in **MEXICO CITY**