

PROGRAM



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Social Economy and Cities

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

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# GSEF 2018, October 1-3

## 1 October, Monday

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8.00-9.00 Registration

### 9.00-10.15 OPENING SESSION

- High representative of the European Commission.
- High representative of the Ministry for Employment and Social Security. Spanish Government.
- High representative of the Basque Government.
- High representative of the Bizkaia Provincial Council
- Mr. Juan Mari Aburto. Mayor of Bilbao.
- Mr. Juan Antonio Pedreño. President of Social Economy Europe and CEPES
- Ms. Rosa Lavin, President of EGES and Konfekoop
- Mr. Won-soon Park. Mayor of Seoul and Co-chairman of GSEF.
- Mr. Kyong-Yong Song. Co-chairman of GSEF.

### 10.15-11.15 MAYORS' PODIUM

11.15-11.45 Coffee break

### 11.45-12.30 PLENARY SESSION 1: Social Economy in the age of cities

The aim of this session is to highlight the fact that one of the main objectives of GSEF is to tie the evolution of development in cities to the Social Economy. Although the 21st century has been referred to as the 'century of cities' so many times that it has basically become a cliché, cities are where the population is concentrated, and where a great number of the challenges facing people around the world manifest themselves: the fight against climate change, managing diversity, optimising basic resources, and the fight against inequality and poverty, to name but a few. This session also aims to demonstrate that the Social Economy is a useful ally for local governments as they take on these challenges.

12.30-13.00 Presentation of the POSTERS display area and the GSEF NETWORKING TXOKO-LOUNGE

13.00-14.00 Lunch

**14.00-15.00 PLENARY SESSION 2: Promoting the Social Economy: A fad or a real commitment?**

In this panel, mayors and the representatives of entities will discuss about what it means to them, at a political level, to support the Social Economy as one of the driving forces behind the social and economic development of their cities.

**15.15-16.15 WORKSHOP SESSION 1**

Presentation of the selected initiatives. Four parallel one-hour workshops. 3 or 4 Social Economy initiatives in every workshop.

**16.15-16.30 Coffee break****16.30-18.30 WORKSHOP SESSION 2**

Presentation of the selected initiatives. Four parallel two-hour workshops. 6 Social Economy initiatives in every workshop.

**2 October, Tuesday**

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**9.00-10.15 PLENARY SESSION 3: Commitment to Social Economy: Approach from different continents**

Plenary session aimed at presenting internationally the direction of different policies in favour of developing Social Economy, encouraging debate among all leading figures.

**10.30-11.30 WORKSHOP SESSION 3**

Presentation of the selected initiatives. Four parallel one-hour workshops. 3 or 4 Social Economy initiatives in every workshop.

**11.30-12.00 Coffee break****12.00-13.00 WORKSHOP SESSION 4**

Presentation of the selected initiatives. Four parallel one-hour workshops. 3 or 4 Social Economy initiatives in every workshop.

**13.00-14.00 Lunch****14.00-16.00 WORKSHOP SESSION 5**

Presentation of the selected initiatives. Four parallel two-hour workshops. 6 Social Economy initiatives in every workshop.

**16.00-16.30 Coffee break**



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**16.30-18.30 WORKSHOP SESSION 6**

Presentation of the selected initiatives. Four parallel two-hour workshops. 6 Social Economy initiatives in every workshop.

**16.30-18.30 GSEF General Assembly**

### **3 October, Wednesday**

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**9.00-10.00 PLENARY SESSION 4: The co-operative city**

The strong local initiatives to promote the Social Economy in cities will form the basis of a conversation regarding the key aspects of such initiatives. The cities of Montreal, Barcelona and New York were selected on the basis of projects they have developed.

**10.00-11.00 PLENARY SESSION 5: Towards sustainable and inclusive development through Social Economy**

As closing plenary session it is hoped to show, from different angles, the capacity of response through Social Economy in favour of sustainable and encompassing local development.

**11.00-11.30 Coffee break**

**11.00-11.30 Gender equality and Social Economy: Declaration in favour of an economic and socially encompassing model**

**11.30-12.45 CLOSING SESSION. Final declaration and presentation of GSEF 2020**

This is a formal session in which the GSEF2018 Final Declaration will be read and the host city of GSEF 2020 will be announced.

### 14.30-18.30 SITE VISITS

Site visits have been organised according to thematic itineraries that will offer the opportunity to observe specific examples of Social Economy enterprises/activities:

1. Consumers itinerary (2 hours)
2. Finance itinerary (2 hours)
3. Elderly care itinerary (2 hours)
4. Environment itinerary (3 hours)
5. Industrial itinerary 1 (3 hours)
6. Industrial itinerary 2 (3 hours)
7. Social initiatives itinerary (2 hours)
8. Work integration itinerary (2 hours)
9. Public work integration initiatives itinerary (3 hours)
10. Visit to BBF- Bilbao Berrikuntza Faktoria- Social Entrepreneurship Space promoted by Mondragon University (2 hours)
11. MONDRAGON Experience (5 hours). The visit is structured around 4 itineraries which are undertaken in the city of Arrasate-Mondragon in cooperation with MONDRAGON Corporation. This visit may be done in the afternoon of Wednesday 3 October (start 13.30 - return 19.00), Thursday 4 October in morning sessions (start Bilbao 8.30 - return 14.00) and afternoons (start Bilbao 13.30 - return 19.00 hours).

The organisers of the Forum will make available, to those persons interested, the means of transport and the specific programme of contents of each itinerary, prior to registering for them. (Limited capacity).

### Poster Exhibiton Area

A collection of submitted Social Economy projects and initiatives from all around the world will be selected to be displayed as posters in the GSEF2018 Exhibition Area.

### Networking Txoko-Lounge

A specific area in the *Euskalduna Conference Centre* will be set up to encourage conversations and connections. Various activities will be organized throughout the day.