

THE SOCIAL ECONOMY, THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

A two-part event due to the health situation.

The French State Secretariat for the Social, Solidarity and Responsible Economy, the City of Strasbourg, the Eurometropolis, the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Parliament and the European Committee of the Regions had planned to organise an European event on the social economy in Strasbourg on **17 and 18 February 2022**, in connection with the French Presidency of the European Union and in collaboration with the main representatives of the sector: Social Economy Europe, ESS France, CRESS Grand Est and its territorial SSE cluster, REVES, RTES, Labo de l'ESS, ESS Forum international, and the Social Good Accelerator.

Due to the evolution of the health situation and the organisers' shared desire to maintain times for meetings and exchanges between European decision-makers and SSE actors, the event on « **Social economy, the future of Europe** » will, in the end, be organised in two parts:

- ~ The very first meeting of the EU Council of Ministers responsible for the social economy, set up by the French Secretary of State for the Social, Solidarity and Responsible Economy, will still be held in Strasbourg on **17 February 2022**, as will the presentation, by videoconference, of the action plan and the debate on the contribution to the conference on the future of Europe.
- ~ The conferences, workshops, thematic areas for debate and participation, and ethical sightseeing tours have been postponed and will still take place at the Palais de la Musique et des Congrès in Strasbourg on **5 and 6 May 2022**. There will also be meeting spaces where you can talk about setting up a project, European programmes, etc.



« **The social economy, the future of Europe** » will be a major event helping to strengthen this economic model, recently recognised by the European Commission as one of the 14 industrial ecosystems on which the resilience of the European Union must be based.

The event will be a unique opportunity for decision-makers and practitioners to debate and discuss what place the social economy should occupy in the future of the European Union. It will be an opportunity to work together on the implementation of the European Commission's action plan for the social economy, as well as the new pathway to accelerate transition in the regions. Whole swathes of the action to come are to be co-constructed; the event will thus allow us to look much more at the practicalities.

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