



What does my organization/authority have to do in order to apply for REVES membership?

The interested organisation/authority has to fill in and sign the membership application form ([EN](#)) ([FR](#)) and send it to the REVES secretariat together with an extract of an official document proving that there was a decision to be part of the network (council decision, minutes of an official meeting or similar documents).

Where can I find information on membership fees?

You will find this information in the application form which is available in [English](#) and [French](#).

How often do REVES members meet?

The General Assembly comes together usually once a year (in Brussels or in a member city/region). Board meetings (that are open to all REVES members) are held 3-4 times, mostly in Brussels. REVES seminars and conferences are often organised in connection with the GA or a board meeting. Depending on the pandemic situation, meetings are also held online.

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Which are the advantages of REVES membership? :

Contacts to and exchange of experiences with local/regional authorities and social economy structures from all over Europe and beyond

Information on all EU policies/initiatives/programmes that are of relevance for social economy and for partnership between local/regional authorities and social economy and the possibility to deliver inputs in the phase of the conception and implementation of policies:

REVES and several of its members are part of the European Commission's expert group on social economy and social enterprise GECES; two staff members have been selected for the European Commission's expert group "Dialogue with CPR partners 2021-2027" which discusses developments around the European Cohesion Policy Funds. REVES is also invited on a regular basis to the Structured Dialogue with Civil Society meetings, but also works with other EC DGs. REVES cooperates with the European Parliament, in particular its intergroup on Social Economy (which, in the previous parliamentary term 2014-2019, has been under the lead of Jens Nilsson, MEP and first president of REVES); collaboration also exists with the Committee of the Regions (REVES is, for example, part of the jury for the "European Entrepreneurial Region Award (EER)") and with the European Economic and Social Committee); REVES also realises joint initiatives with the OECD LEED programme and the ILO.

Members are usually consulted before meetings and have, where possible, also the occasion to take part in meetings.

Visibility: Through the organisation of or participation in public events and through publications REVES also seeks to give visibility to its members and their initiatives. A recent example are an article published in the [EU Rural Review](#) or various events.

Possibility to take part in projects (reserved in most cases to REVES members) - be they EU-financed projects or other initiatives such as the microcredit facility of the Community Foundation Messina

Possibility to launch own projects/initiatives and ask for the support of REVES and/or its members

Possibility to set up - together with a minimum of three other members - working groups on specific topics

Possibility to organise, with REVES' assistance, seminars on topics around the social economy in the own city/region, in Brussels or online (even though, in this case, depending on the context and dimension of the event, the member might have to cover extra costs)

Possibility to take part in REVES training sessions and webinars (in the past REVES has organized training on topics such as the new European public procurement and state aid rules, on EU Cohesion Policy, on Platform Cooperativism, Cultural Planning and other topics...)

Possibility to ask for REVES advise in the elaboration and implementation of a specific local/regional initiative (in this case – depending on the dimension of support provided by the secretariat to a specific member - an extra fee might be requested)