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REVES Days in Östersund

27-29 May 2026



27 May 2026

12.30 Field visits – Thematic itineraries

- 1. Inclusion and Social Sustainability**
- 2. Preschool, Care and Welfare**
- 3. Arts, Culture and Tourism**

(more information will follow shortly)

19.00 Dinner at Best Western Hotel Gamla Teatern, Thoméegränd 20, 831 34 Östersund (hosted by the Region of Jämtland Härjedalen)

28 May 2026

Main Event:

Social Economy – an indispensable partner for strategic public policies fostering resilience throughout Europe

Venue: City Hall Östersund, Rådhusgatan 21, 83135 Östersund

9.00 – 9.15 Welcome

- Niklas Daoson, Mayor, City of Östersund
- Ana Umbelino, REVES President

Block 1: Social economy in public policies: from the 90s to the present day

9.15-10.15 Testimonies of former REVES Presidents

Moderator: Amal Chevreau, OECD

- Ana Umbelino (PT)
- Giovanni Pensabene (IT)
- Rainer Schlüter (DE)
- Margita Lukkarinen (FI)
- Jan Olsson (SE)

10.15 Speed-dating around participants' initiatives, project ideas, tea and coffee

Initiatives presented:

- Coompanion Göteborgsregionen: Project «DO Impact - Digital and Data-Driven Solutions to Strengthen the Social Economy Impact» (Sweden)
- Coompanion Jämtland (Sweden)
- FISE's projects: connecting ideas. Amplifying Impact (Poland)
- Horizon Europe: Let's Care project (Europe)
- Mapping Inclusion: The CAD Certification Model (Italy)
- Nightball (Sweden)
- Sudan Volunteer Organisation (Sweden)

You will find more information on these initiatives in the appendix to the programme.

Block 2: The way ahead: Implementing and improving social economy strategic planning in the EU Member States and at EU level

10.45-11.45 *The challenges of developing the social economy in metropolitan areas as a solution to tensions exacerbated by population concentration*

Moderator: Luigi Martignetti, REVES aisbl

- Sonia Cambursano, Metropolitan City of Turin, Raffaella Scalisi, Torino Social Impact (IT) and Giovanni Ferrero, City of Turin
- Laura Heym, City of Hamburg/Hamburg Alliance for Social Entrepreneurship (DE)
- Effie Kourlos, Deputy Mayor, City of Östersund and Macarena Cerda, Regional Director, Save the Children (SE)
- Sandra Guilmin, Eurometropolis of Strasbourg (FR) (tbc)

11.45-13.30 Creative Lunch break

13.30-14.30 *Regional policies and strategies: Territorialised social impact measurement strategies and other areas to be developed further*

Moderator: Erdmuthe Klaer-Morselli, REVES aisbl

- Werner Pirnay, Wallonia Region (BE)
- Javier Zubicoa Leon, Navarre (ES)
- Carl Forsberg, Västra Götaland Region (SE)

14.30-15.20- *The social economy in rural and peripheral areas at the heart of a new approach to resilience and the right to stay*

Moderator: Elisa Mancinelli, REVES aisbl

- Pablo Lansac, ANEL (ES)
- Nina Andersson, Sports Movement in Jämtland Härjedalen (SE)
- Martti Aionen, Lapland University of Applied Sciences (FI)
- Malin Gumaeliur, Region Östergötland (SE) and Pia Tingvall, Coompanion Östergötland (SE)
- Nicolle Santos, City of Torres Vedras (PT)

This session is co-funded by the European Union.



15.20 Democracy as a fundament for a resilient society. The perspective of Cascais, European Capital of Democracy

Helena Bonzinho, Director of the Social Cohesion Department, City of Cascais (PT)

15.35 Speed-dating around participants' initiatives, project ideas, tea and coffee

Initiatives presented:

- Coompanion Jämtland (Sweden)
- COSME project PARI - Paths for Rural Innovation (Europe)
- INTERREG project RESEES - Reinforcing Regional Social Economy Ecosystems and Stakeholders' Capacity (Europe)
- Interreg project RESIST: Social Innovation ecosystem support in the Baltic Sea Region (Europe)
- SustainGov: Reforming the public sector through systems innovation (Sweden)
- Walloon Region: Strategic Vision (Belgium)

You will find more information on these initiatives in the appendix to the programme.

Block 3: Which future for the cooperation with regional and local partnerships to advance social economy policies and their implementation at the EU level?

16.00-17.00 Testimonies:

- Brigitte Fellahi-Brognaux, Head of Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission
- Maravillas Abadía Jover, Member of the European Parliament
- Yonnec Polet, European Committee of the Regions
- Giuseppe Guerini, European Economic and Social Committee
- Juan Antonio Pedreno, President, Social Economy Europe
- Amal Chevreau, OECD

Moderator: Carl Forsberg, Region of Västra Götaland

Closing remarks by

- Jonas Andersson, President of the Regional Development Council, Region of Jämtland Härjedalen
- Carl Forsberg, Region of Västra Götaland – REVES board member
- Ana Umbelino, REVES President

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9.00-13.00 REVES General Assembly

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28 May 2026: Speed-dating - Participants

Coompanion Göteborgsregionen: Project «DO Impact - Digital and Data-Driven Solutions to Strengthen the Social Economy Impact» (Sweden)

DO Impact aims to foster a new understanding of the transformative potential of digital and data-driven approaches within the PSE sector.

It seeks to:

- Enhance awareness about the opportunities for PSE SMEs to digitalise their businesses and operations.
- Encourage key stakeholders across the EU to recognise the role of digitalisation in driving social innovation and sustainability.
- Provide upskilling and re-skilling opportunities to Social Economy Enabling Organisations and Social Economy SMEs.

Coompanion Jämtland (Sweden)

1. We want to encourage mainstream businesses to work towards more inclusive workplaces through collaboration and business partnerships with social enterprises and the social economy.
2. We want to work with New European Bauhaus methods to promote sustainable urban development in which citizens are involved and co-create new residential areas.
3. We want to develop our region's resilience and robustness through collaboration with the social economy and identify opportunities for social innovation.

COSME project PARI - Paths for Rural Innovation (Europe)

The PARI project is a two-year action supported by the European Union in the framework of the Single Market Programme (SMP). Started in September 2024, PARI intends to facilitate the setup or the consolidation in rural areas of a specific sort of clusters: Clusters of Social and Ecological Innovation (CSEIs).

PARI is coordinated by REVES in collaboration with Diesis Network (Belgium), Region Östergötland and Coompanion Östergötland (Sweden), Gobierno de Navarra and ANEL (Spain), Câmara Municipal de Torres Vedras (Portugal).

At this table you can learn and share:

- What are the key characteristics, success factors, and challenges associated with CSEIs, how they differ from other forms of economic or social organization, and what its unique value proposition are particularly in rural contexts.
- How to accelerate the creation of CSEIs (clusters of social and ecological innovation) in rural areas by improving capacities and operational frameworks for social economy actors, in partnership with local authorities, entrepreneurial actors and other key stakeholders.
- The key features and processes of Local Action Plans as forms of “participatory local pilot experiences” for establishing CSEIs.

FISE’s projects: connecting ideas. Amplifying Impact (Poland)

FISE, the Foundation for Social and Economic Initiatives, will present how it fosters synergies among its projects devoted to social economy – labour market – social innovations. It will be a freestyle presentation of the projects and the interconnections between them. FISE reached a state in which one project nurtures another.

Horizon Europe: Let’s Care project (Europe)

Long-term care is the subject of the EU-funded 'LeTs-Care' project (REVES is a partner), and in particular of upcoming events examining the relationship between (intergenerational) housing policies and long-term care policy. The questions on the table include: Why are housing policies so important for long-term care? Who are the innovative players in this regard? How can we ensure the sustainability of such innovations, making them the norm where they work effectively? How can we broaden the scope of the various policies so that they work in tandem?

INTERREG project RESEES - Reinforcing Regional Social Economy Ecosystems and Stakeholders' Capacity (Europe)

The main goal of RESEES is to improve the implementation of regional development policies to strengthen social economy ecosystems and stakeholders' upskilling.

Specific attention is given to four topics: SE promotion and awareness raising; capacity building and stakeholder's upskilling; networking and cooperation and measuring policies and social impact.

Project activities include, amongst others, a comparative regional analysis, the exchange of good practices as well as the development and implementation Roadmaps for Policy Improvement in six regions of Europe.

The consortium includes ten partners from Spain, Belgium Italy, Finland, France and Slovenia.

Interreg project RESIST: Social Innovation ecosystem support in the Baltic Sea Region (Europe)

In the project RESIST (Regional Ecosystems for Social Innovation and Social Transformation), thirteen partners from across the Baltic Sea Region explore how regions can make innovation systems more social, inclusive, and mission-driven. Together we developed practical guides and tools for public authorities, innovation agencies, and ecosystem actors. The initiative focuses on strengthening social innovation and social entrepreneurship as drivers of resilient regional development. The three-year Interreg Baltic Sea Region project will conclude in October 2026. In its final phase, RESIST is looking for feedback on its results, exchange with other regions and networks, and partners interested in applying or further developing the tools.

Mapping Inclusion: The CAD Certification Model (Italy)

CAD was established in 2020 on the initiative of the ASM, Villa Paradiso and Congrega della Carità Apostolica foundations, in collaboration with S.I.Di.N – the Italian Society for Neurodevelopmental Disorders – and, subsequently, with the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Brescia. CAD, which stands for 'Comunità Amiche della Disabilità' (Disability-Friendly Communities), was established to identify the characteristics that make a community welcoming and capable of supporting each

individual's life plans, and to encourage the growth of inclusive communities through the awarding of a certification mark. The trademark has been registered and a reference framework established (covering all the areas of interest that a community should address) for the analysis of local areas.

CAD – Comunità Amiche della Disabilità is a certification awarded to local areas that apply for it, following a process of mapping and analysing their capacity for inclusion with regard to people with disabilities.

We would like to spread the model!

Nightball (Sweden)

A late-night social programme, based around football (a unifying international magnet). Where young people meet, mix, communicate, and play sport. In unsocial hours up to midnight at weekends.

Our initiative, here in a suburb of Östersund has now run for four years in the dark, cold winter months. Staffed by former refugees escaping the genocide of Darfur. They are now community leaders and agents for social change.

The scheme has won a regional award for health and mental well-being, a regional award for Crime Prevention and a national award from Swedens main organisation for social inclusion and integration.

Everyone is a winner.

The money saved downstream, in terms of social interventions, runs into estimated millions.

Sudan Volunteer Organisation (Sweden)

SVO (Sudan Volunteer Organization) is an INGO led by refugees, women, youth, people with disabilities, and GBV survivors. Founded in 2016 in Östersund, Sweden, SVO operates in Sudan, Chad, Uganda, Australia, France, the UK, and Sweden.

Guided by the "Refugee for Refugee" model, we support refugee leaders with organizational and leadership capacity building. Our focus is to enable them to access donor funds and resources, acting as equal partners rather than merely beneficiaries.

This approach has been recognized by the UN, UNHCR, NRC, DRC, UNICEF, and other partners. We are eager to share our strategies on how refugees and vulnerable populations can be included in development—as partners, not just beneficiaries.

SustainGov: Reforming the public sector through systems innovation (Sweden)

How do we address complex healthcare needs, strengthen social inclusion, ensure resilient food systems and develop the future social contract? When challenges are systemic, working in isolation is not enough. They require action across organisational boundaries and a collective effort.

SustainGov is a 10-year, mission-oriented Swedish Impact Innovation programme funded by Vinnova, Formas and the Swedish Energy Agency, and coordinated by Mid Sweden University. Its mission is a reformed public sector that better promotes health and well-being for all residents, regardless of where people live or who they are.

SustainGov combines a national portfolio of initiatives with capacity building, shared learning and policy engagement to develop new ways of organising, governing and collaborating to enable long term systemic impact. We welcome dialogue and collaboration with national and European partners.

Walloon Region: Strategic Vision (Belgium)

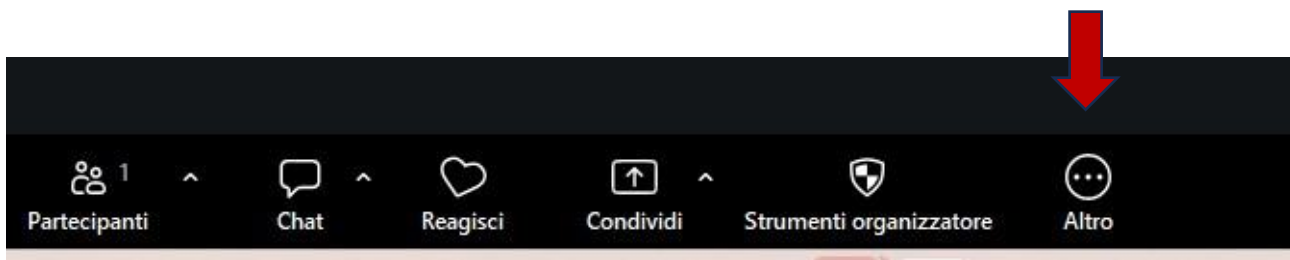
The objective of this table would be to exchange and discuss two key topics relevant for the Walloon Region. First, we would like to explore communication campaigns aimed at promoting and the social economy, with a focus on effective messages, target audiences and good practices implemented in other regions and cities. Second, we would like to discuss the existing instruments supporting the creation and development of cooperatives, such as grants, pilot projects, incubators and dedicated support structures (e.g. ACES, W.Alter), in order to share experiences and draw inspiration from different territorial approaches.

28 May 2026: Instructions for the use of interpretation

For session 1, we will have a speaker presenting in Italian. For the final session, there will be two speakers presenting in Spanish. Live English translation will be available online for these moments. To listen in English, please connect your device to the venue's Wi-Fi (Username: **guest-maj** Password: **Endansanderav2026**) and click on the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84968348170>

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