The global COVID-19 pandemic posed severe challenges to local authorities and pushed them into immediate action. The pandemic not only burdened health systems, but had disruptive effects on other social systems such as education or the local economy. **We believe that Social and Solidarity Economy ecosystems (SSE ecosystems) can play a critical role in supporting local governments to respond to these challenges.**
The RRR project

Led by UpSocial in a consortium of 16 partners including Ashoka, Metropolis and Eurocities, the Respond, Rebuild, Reinvent project will support the development and internationalisation of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE), raise awareness and capacity to build conductive national and local ecosystems for SSE development, and promote knowledge sharing and peer exchanges at the international level.

RRR will support local authorities in improving cross-sectoral collaboration with SSE ecosystems and in tapping into the solutions and social innovations provided by SSE ecosystems and social enterprises.

Specifically, RRR will

- Deepen, in 8 metropolitan territories, the understanding of SSE ecosystems.
- Define Covid-19 related challenges that can be tackled in a cross-sectoral, collaborative approach
- Explore solutions and social innovations related to those challenges
- Experiment on adapt solutions

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