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Global Social
Economy Forum



Local Governments and
Social Economy Stakeholders

Allies for the intelligent and sustainable development of cities

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3 DAYS / OVER 30 WORKSHOPS / SITE VISITS AND HUNDREDS OF MEETING OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ **Share your best practices** for the development of cities supported by local governments and learn about others in place elsewhere in the world
- ◆ **Identify opportunities and challenges for collaborations** between your **local governments** and **SSE actors**
- ◆ **Promote coordinated international actions** to foster the development of the SSE in your area.

More than 2,000 participants from every continent will be converging in Québec's metropolis to discuss and work on the central theme of the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF2016): **the collaboration between local governments and the social economy for the development of cities.**

Expected participants:

Local governments: elected officials and delegates

Social and solidarity economy organizations and networks

Researchers

The private sector

Civil society

WHAT IS THE GSEF?

The Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) is an international association that brings together local governments and civil society actors who are committed to supporting the development of the social and solidarity economy (SSE).

Its mission is to promote cooperation among social and solidarity economy organizations and local governments in order to enable the creation of quality jobs, equitable growth and the advancement of participatory democracy and sustainable development.

At the association's founding meeting in 2014, the GSEF's members adopted a charter establishing its principles and operations, including the holding of a forum every two years. The first two forums were held in Seoul in 2013 and 2014.

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THEME

Across the world, **the social and solidarity economy (SSE)** generates important economic impact, and, more importantly, social innovations that help **address the challenges faced by city administrations** and their communities. Whether it is meeting essential needs such as housing and food security, ensuring an adequate quality of life for residents through local services, cultural activities, and other recreational services, or contributing to social cohesion, SSE initiatives create jobs and support the more **intelligent and sustainable development** of cities.

Because of this, the aim of GSEF2016 is to facilitate collaboration between local governments and SSE actors by highlighting best practices, whether they be processes, tools, or innovative results emerging from co-constructed public policies. These **best practices** will be presented mainly by SSE and local government actors, though innovative citizen initiatives and private sector projects developed with the SSE will also be brought to the fore.



