

Foreword

In order to ensure resilience in a context of crisis, we must absolutely accelerate the change towards the economy of tomorrow: just and sustainable to meet current and future social and societal challenges. The social and solidarity economy (SSE) can play a substantive role in achieving the sustainable development goals leaving no one behind.

The online platform “SSE Knowledge Hub for the SDGs” already aimed at enhancing awareness of and contributing to the body of knowledge on the social and solidarity economy as a means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals by featuring more than 100 draft and working papers.

In my view, supporting the UNTFSSSE Encyclopedia on the Social and Solidarity Economy and thus, providing policymakers and academics with a reference tool which contains information and knowledge on a wide range of topics associated with SSE is key for fostering the development of the ecosystem.

By providing legitimate and credible information and knowledge on key issues of SSE, the Encyclopedia will introduce SSE to those not familiar with it, offer them with an overview of a wide range of topics associated with SSE, and allow stakeholders to check facts or gain additional knowledge

In the upcoming years, I will remain strongly committed to raise awareness of the social and solidarity economy and offer SSE organizations the necessary support to grow.

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