



Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Information on Community Enterprises

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Member are entitled to:

- A subscription to the review, *Économie et Solidarités* (published twice per year);
- A subscription to the review, *Annales de l'économie publique, sociale et coopérative* (published twice per year) for institutional members;
- Access to an increasingly coherent and well-organized national network of researchers, professors, students and professionals involved in the public sector, social and cooperative economy;
- Access to CIRIEC's international network, its symposiums, publications, study groups and venues;
- The opportunity of attending CIRIEC-Canada's annual scientific symposium;
- The opportunity of publishing articles in CIRIEC's *Cahiers* (Notebooks) and of making presentations at its conventions, symposiums and venues;
- A subscription to the liaison bulletin.

This also means having access to:

- Closer and broader contact with the community enterprise environment, more detailed information on its problems, fields of research and development as well as on CIRIEC's own development;
- The opportunity of participating in the implementation of new research mechanisms and multidisciplinary cooperation as well as the establishment of more favourable research conditions with respect to the cooperative, social and public economy.



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CIRIEC-Canada

The Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Information on Community Enterprises (CIRIEC-Canada) is interested in all forms of community enterprises and economic activities performed in the public or general interest. Its scope of study deals with the overall structures and characteristics of the associative, community, cooperative, mutual and semi-public economies, all of which have the more or less explicit goal of serving the general or public interest.

Its members are practitioners from the professions, executives, academics (professors, researchers and students), associations, businesses, institutions or organizations interested in community enterprises: public and social economy enterprises (cooperatives, associations, non-profit and mutual organizations).

They are united by a shared concern for democracy, getting people involved, equity, solidarity, promotion of persons and the preservation of community resources.

Founded in 1967 by Professor Arthur Lerner (Concordia University) as the national section of Ciriec International, CIRIEC-Canada is a non-profit scientific association.

Ciriec International

Ciriec International (International Centre of Research and Information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy) was founded at Geneva in 1947 by Professor Edgard Milhaud. Ciriec International's headquarters are located at Liège in Belgium.

Its objectives are to undertake and promote the collection of information, scientific research and the publication of works on economic sectors and activities oriented towards the service of the general and community interest: action by public authorities in economic fields, public utilities, public and semi-public enterprises, and workers' participation.

Activities and Outreach of Ciriec-Canada

- The review *Économie et Solidarités*, published twice per year by the *Presses de l'Université du Québec*: a multidisciplinary scientific review, including thematic issues, leading articles and columns focusing on innovative practices, current controversies, and research projects in progress and main recent publications ⁽¹⁾;
- The *Cahiers du CIRIEC* (CIRIEC Notebooks): publication of research results, individual or group tests or work arising from progress made by groups;
- An annual scientific symposium;
- Representation in various organizations and at events associated with the cooperative movement and in circles interested in community enterprises;
- Close contact with Ciriec International, its scientific committees and many national sections (especially in Europe and Latin America);
- A liaison bulletin, the *CIRIEC Bulletin*, a periodical that provides reports on the activities of the association and the diverse accomplishments of its individual and institutional members;
- Notices, briefs or suggestions are occasionally submitted to various private-sector or government organizations.

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Goals

Through research, training, dissemination of information and intervention, CIRIEC-Canada's mission is to encourage the economic activities of community organizations (public and social economy) by providing them with both informed and critical support.

Accordingly, CIRIEC-Canada seeks to:

- Bring together academics (professors, researchers and students) as well as any other individuals, associations, enterprises, institutions or organizations interested in community enterprises: public or social economy enterprises (cooperatives, associations, non-profit and mutual organizations);
- Establish dynamic and productive partnerships between research and teaching spheres and the professional and business worlds;
- Encourage, support and share research, communication and initiatives involving one or more scientific disciplines in a given field;
- Allow the greatest number possible of its members to take part in exchanges, work as well as national and international forums;
- To the extent possible, promote and support the development and dissemination of knowledge and experiences related to a more democratic and equitable development of the economy by focusing on various aspects of the public and social economy (cooperatives, associations, non-profit and mutual organizations).