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Taking Care of the World
the Vital Contribution of the Social
Economy and Public Enterprises



[ENGLISH VERSION]

Call for papers

35th CIRIEC International Congress

Montréal, Canada

We invite you to submit abstracts for the upcoming CIRIEC Congress.

The 35th CIRIEC International Congress is mainly focused on the discussion of different initiatives of public, social and cooperative economy. Furthermore, a special session will be devoted to research related to the public, social and cooperative economy.

This call for papers covers all the themes of the Congress and its general theme “**Taking Care of the World: the Vital Contribution of the Social Economy and Public Enterprises**”. It also covers the **general themes of CIRIEC’s work** and the **more specific themes of CIRIEC’s current working groups**.

1. General topics related to SSE and Public Economy

- o Statistics, reporting and social impact measurements
- o Energy, agri-food system, climate change and justice
- o Decent work and the informal economy
- o Ethical financing and its organizations
- o Local/regional development and territorial resilience
- o Identities, hybridizations and innovations
- o Democracy, education & civic rights
- o Responsible public procurement and social and solidarity economy (SSE)
- o Others

2. SDG Impacts in and by the Public and Social & Solidarity Economy

- o Specificities of Public Economy (PE) and SSE that favor SDG implementation
- o PE and SSE contributions to Health Care and Housing
- o Ecosystemic perspectives on SDGs: territorial approaches and cross-sectoral partnerships
- o Measurement issues: developing methodologies for joint SDG impact at the local level

3. Public Services and Cooperatives

- o Historical overview of the place of collective services in the first cooperatives
- o Existing cooperative practices in different fields of public action
- o Models used and how each model reconciles commerciality and democracy
- o Governance rules of certain successful public service cooperatives in certain sectors in order to identify models



4. Multiple Logics of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs): Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives

- o Various policies to be implemented by SOEs
- o Governance mechanisms to link SOEs to the government owning them
- o Core technology of a SOE and capacity
- o Strategy, strategic plans and processes around them
- o Public entrepreneurship
- o Commercial oriented objectives

5. Public Policies Toward the Social Economy in Uncertain Times

- o Processes of expansion, consolidation, erosion, and dismantling of public policies promoting the social economy in different political, institutional, and economic contexts around the world
- o Key factors that ensure the maintainability and development of social economy policies by adapting to different contexts

6. Gender, Intersectionality & SSE

- o Critical review of the foundational thinking of the SSE
- o Reviewing and incorporating the intersectional theoretical approach
- o Improving data collection and analysis
- o Sectoral and territorial analysis

Practical Information

Important Dates

- Abstract submission deadline: March 29th, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: May 29th, 2026

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be no longer than 800 words (including references) and include:

- Title of the paper, authors, affiliation, contact details
- 4-5 keywords
- Conference theme addressed by the paper
- Justification and objectives
- Empirical or theoretical methodological approach
- Main conclusions and their relevance to an international audience
- Main references
- Language of the abstract and papers: English, French or Spanish.

How to submit your abstract?

- Send your abstract to: communications2026@ciriec.ca.
- Please use the template provided on the website: <https://bit.ly/4I37alr>.
- Accepted formats: Word or PDF.



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Registration

The presentation of a paper is subject to payment of the event registration fee. A reduced rate is available for CIRIEC members. The paper may also be presented in poster form, upon request.

Publication Opportunities

Selected papers may be published in CIRIEC International's Working Papers or in *Économie et Solidarités*, the journal of CIRIEC-Canada.

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