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4th CIRIEC International Research Conference on Social Economy

Antwerp, 24-26 October 2013

Social economy on the move …
at the crossroads of structural change
and regulation

To provide a forum of scientific debate, CIRIEC initiated in 2007 a biennial Conference in social economy research. Three conferences already took place in Victoria (Canada) in October 2007, in Östersund (Sweden) in October 2009 and the third one in Valladolid (Spain) in April 2011; the latter around the theme: "The Social Economy, prop of a new model of sustainable economic development". Each time those conferences gathered more than 350 participants.

The 4th CIRIEC International Research Conference on Social Economy (ICOSE) will be organised by CIRIEC-Belgium with the collaboration of the University of Antwerp. 10 themes will be proposed to articulate the conference topic.

- 1st day: social economy enterprises/organisations' visits and achievements
- 2nd - 3rd day: actual conference on Friday and Saturday.
- Workshops to present and discuss papers will be organised over 2 full days with 5-6 sessions in parallel. 130-150 multi-disciplinary papers will be presented and discussed.

Theme 1: Policy and ideology of social economy

Theme 2: Measurement and assessment of the social economy

Theme 3: Laws on social economy, legal statutes and types of undertaking

Theme 4: Financing mechanisms, state aid and public policies

Theme 5: Innovative management

Theme 6: Governance models

Theme 7: Network management, partnerships and stake holders

Theme 8: Globalization and local anchoring

Theme 9: Social economy, social inclusion and fight against poverty

Theme 10: Social innovations, products and services