

Canadian Social Economy Hub

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AGENDA

1. Background information on the Social Economy Suite
 - Key participants in the Social Economy Suite.
 - Opportunities for practitioners.
 - Learning opportunities beyond the web site.
2. Key research that will be undertaken and its importance in developing policy.
3. Presentations on the work of the 6 nodes.
4. Q/A on the nodes and hub.
5. Discussion Question



Partnership between Universities and Practitioners

- ❖ University of Victoria and the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies (BCICS) and other universities across Canada
- ❖ Canadian Community Development Network (CCEDNet)



CSEHub/CCÉS

- ❖ Seeks to answer how the approaches of the Social Economy can be understood and effectively applied so community organizations, civil society, community developers and researchers can collaborate to empower groups and communities to meet their social and economic needs?



Vision

- ❖ To: build collaboration between researchers and practitioners to better understand and encourage initiatives at the local, provincial and national levels so that the Social Economy and its related approaches will be more widely understood and applied in Canada.



Regional Research Centers

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- ❖ Atlantic
- ❖ Québec
- ❖ Southern Ontario
- ❖ Prairies and Northern Ontario
- ❖ BC/Alberta
- ❖ North



Funded by

- ❖ The Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council is providing funding over five years for the Hub and the regional nodes.
- ❖ The funding is part of the 2004 budget announcement in support of the social economy.
- ❖ Other government agencies are also providing partnership funding such as Social Development Canada.
- ❖ The universities and their community partners are also providing funds and in kind donations to the projects.



Collaborators

- ◆ National Research Chair on the Social Economy
- ◆ CIRIEC
- ◆ Université de Québec à Montréal
- ◆ St. Mary's University
- ◆ Canadian Women's CED Council
- ◆ L'alliance de recherche universités-communautés en économie sociale (ARUC-ES)
- ◆ Le Chantier de l' économie sociale
- ◆ Imagine Canada
- ◆ University of Saskatchewan
- ◆ Carleton University CEDTap Program
- ◆ Canadian Co-operative Council
- ◆ University of Toronto
- ◆ Council for the advancement of Native Development Officers
- ◆ Canadian Co-operative Association
- ◆ Conseil canadien de la coopération





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Members include representatives from each regional centre as well as from the following organisations:

- Canada Research Chair on the Social Economy
- Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche et d'Information sur les Entreprises Collectives
- Canadian Women's CED Council
- L'Alliance de recherche universités-communautés en économie sociale
- Le chantier de l'économie sociale
- Imagine Canada
- The Community Economic Development Technical Assistance Program
- Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers
- Canadian Co-operative Association
- Conseil Canadien de la Coopération
- Social Development Canada
- Co-operative Secretariat
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council

Portrait
(Facilitating)

Executive

International

Policy

Publications

CSEHub Support Staff

Key Research Areas

- ❖ Mapping or drawing a portrait of the Social Economy (who, how and what is the extent of the economic and social contribution)
- ❖ What tools are needed to facilitate the contribution of organizations participating in the social economy? financial tools such as access to capital/loans, legislative tools such as governance and tax regulations.



Key research areas continued

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- ❖ What is the role of Social Economy organizations in the social and economic development of local communities?
- ❖ Development of evaluative tools so that practitioners can better measure outcomes.



Key areas of involvement for

CSEHub/CCÉS

- ❖ Facilitating research and learning opportunities for researchers, faculty and students at universities.
- ❖ Working with CCEDNet, le Chantier, CCA, CCC and others to inform public policy.
- ❖ Providing practitioners with the research needed to advance their work.



Social Economy Learning Network

- ❖ Purpose to provide access to practitioners and researchers to research documents, databases and other Canadian and International resources.
- ❖ To foster dialogue through website, telelearning and face to face discussions on the Social Economy.



A DEVELOPING RESOURCE CSEHub/CCÉS WILL

- ❖ Fill gaps in research
- ❖ Work with others in developing policy discussions
- ❖ Host and co-host major events
- ❖ Build the SELN resources
- ❖ Publish and co-publish research
- ❖ Respond to research requests



Discussion Question

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How can researchers and practitioners work together to advance the Social Economy?



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