

9th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise

**Act locally, change globally: Social enterprises and
cooperatives for more resilient economies and societies**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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I. General Questions

When and where will the 9th EMES Conference take place?

The 9th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise will take place in Frankfurt am Main (Germany) on the campus of the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences from 11-14 September, 2023. The selection of this city for our international conference is due to the well-developed German welfare system, social work education, as well as high levels of civic engagement that will offer visiting scholars valuable insights into policy-making, training, education and governance for and in the social economy.

Also, the Conference results from the interaction with the local organiser, KomSI (Kompetenzzentrum Soziale Interventionsforschung) and its researchers aiming to contribute to the mission of EMES. In particular, the Conference aims to assess the current and potential contributions of social enterprise and cooperative activities to the common good in turbulent times. As well as to examine the added value they bring to all the stakeholders, including employees and customers. KomSI already co-[hosted with EMES the Empower-SE COST Workshop on Social Enterprises in Social and Health Services](#) organized in 2019.

What will be the dynamic of the conference?

There will be different types of sessions in this Conference. Plenary sessions deal with overarching topics relevant to the SE field. Parallel sessions are organized around specific topics and issues and usually entail three to four paper presentations. They are led by a chairs assigned to each session. The chairs will get in touch with the presenters in advance in order to organize reliably and answer last questions.

Are there any guidelines for presenting authors?

Yes, there are full paper submission guidelines available on the “9EMESconf - Practical information” page.

Will conference proceedings be published with the papers presented?

Given the large number of papers presented at our conferences (around 300), we usually do not publish conference proceedings in the traditional sense of the term. Learning from our past experience and listening to the EMES community, we prefer publishing the majority of the full papers submitted in the form of EMES Selected Conference Papers (248 papers already published, ready to [download](#)).

This gives scholars a good opportunity to receive feedback and improve, thus optimizing their opportunities for publication in peer-reviewed journals. Several editors will be present at the conference and may encourage authors of good papers to submit them.

We also publish stunning conference reports that capture part of the academic quality of this international event and the human energy fuelling the EMES community. We invite you to take a peak at those from the two previous conferences, [8EMESconf](#) at the Teruel campus of the University of Zaragoza (Spain, 2021) and [7EMESconf](#) at Sheffield (United Kingdom, 2019).

Is it true that EMES offers a Best Paper Award for PhD and regular researcher-authored full manuscripts?

Yes, this will be the 6th edition of our EMES Best Conference Paper Awards and it distinguishes the quality and original contribution of the research papers presented at the conference in two categories. Given the commitment of EMES with emerging scholars, one Award specifically addresses PhD scholars, to encourage the work of researchers who are in the initial phases of their careers. The other award will be given to early career researchers (ECR) or senior researcher, whose paper convinces the jury.

A selection committee will be put together from the Scientific Committee to select the best papers based on the following selection criteria: academic quality, relevance, impact, originality, and overall contribution to the future of the research in the field of social enterprises. The two winning papers receive a symbolic prize and a certificate and undergo a layout process to make them easier to read. The winners from the last conference in researcher category were Irene Ciccarino, CARME-IPLeiria (Portugal), Susana Rodrigues, CARME-IPLeiria (Portugal) and Jorge Da Silva, IAG-PUC (Brazil), for their paper "*Social value appraisal: cutting the Gordian knot*" (read the paper [here](#)). Thibault Mirabel with his paper: "*Survival Advantage of Worker Buyouts over Newly Created Worker-Owned Firms*" was awarded in the PhD category (read the paper [here](#)).

Please note that only full papers submitted by July 27th will be considered for both Awards.

Is there any other Award offered to researchers?

Yes, the 1st UNTFSSSE award in memory of the famous 20th-century American activist, Mrs Ana Maria O'Neil, will be given at the 9th EMES International Research Conference in Frankfurt (Germany).

The 1st UNTFSSSE Knowledge Hub Awards will be given in two distinct categories, PhD students and Experts (post-Doc or equivalent levels, members of academic faculty and independent researchers). Spearheaded by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) in the framework of the "SSE Knowledge Hub for the SDGs", the goal of this Award is to recognise academic excellence in research on the relationship between the social and solidarity economy (SSE) and the SDGs across disciplines. Ultimately, it seeks

to encourage research on the various topics related to SSE and the SDGs at higher education institutions both by established and emerging researchers.

Several of the [14 thematic lines](#) included in the call for papers of the 9th EMES Conference address SDGs, so researchers submitting their papers are encouraged to prepare a full paper and submit it by July 27th. Please note that only full papers submitted by this date will be considered for the UNTFSSSE Knowledge Hub Award.

The awarded papers will be included in the [UNTFSSSE Knowledge Hub](#) on SDGs which has a worldwide reach and large visibility.

How do I get to the Conference and what are the accommodation options?

For more information, please visit the [9EMESconf page](#) and on the right side you will find “Practical Information” document ready to download. EMES is committed to reducing the carbon footprint and the waste generated by its events. This is why we advocate the use of transportation other than airplane and promote non-plastic policy and reuse.

II. Registration process

How can I register and what does it cost to attend?

English language abstracts, posters, panels and papers for the scientific conference can be uploaded using an online submission system, [here](#). Please take note of the deadlines published, [here](#). Contributions for the Transdisciplinary Forum should be sent via e-mail: emes-konferenz@fb4.fra-uas.de to the Forum organizers for your topic.

Registration will open in April and will be completed through our [Conference web page](#). Regarding the registration fees, there will be different modalities of registration available. As usual, EMES members, including PhD students and regular researchers, enjoy a preferential registration fee. If you are not a member yet and would like to sign up for your annual student or regular individual membership, you can do so easily [here](#).

In addition, special fee is provided for professionals only participating in Transdisciplinary Forum.

Remember that if you are a presenter, you need to register the latest by June 19th, so we can organize the program and publish it on time.

As usual, there will be a Gala Dinner, which will be charged separately from the registration.

What is the payment and reimbursement policy of the conference?

Payments for the Conference fees are done prior to registration. Only those who paid conference fees in full will be registered. Refunds will be possible for cancellations notified by written notice before 3rd July 2023. A 50 € administrative fee will be charged. There will be no refunds for cancellations made after that date.

Are there any funds available to cover part of the cost of participating in the conference?

Please note that, at this time, we do not offer any funds to support the Conference, apart

from a reduced fee for EMES members.

III. Other Questions

I'm new at the EMES conference? Is there any kind of welcoming for new-comers?

Sure! We strive to make you feel part of a scholar and human community right away. We have a system of "fellow partners" for new PhDs and scholars coming for the first time. This means that we will match you up with one of our members who will greet and guide you through the process.

I need a letter of invitation in order to process my visa application: how do I request one?

We can provide one to registered participants. You can email us at 9emesconf@emes.net with all your details (full name, passport number, country of origin and birth) so we can prepare one for you.

How do I participate in the Transdisciplinary Forum?

Transdisciplinary Forum (TDF) will take place on Monday, the 11th of September 2023. If you are registered to the Conference, your registration to the TDF will be included. If you only wish to participate in the TDF, please contact our local organisers via: emes-konferenz@fb4.fra-uas.de

Are there any study visits scheduled and what do I need to do to sign up?

As usual, EMS conferences are a great way to connect with the local social enterprise, cooperatives and social economy ecosystem.

On Thursday, the last day of the conference, three SEs will open their doors to give us some insights. You can register for the visit via registration form or during the conference at the Info Point.

What is the social and cultural program for the Conference?

Please check the updated programme at the conference webpage.

In any case, get ready to enjoy a Frankfurt with unique cultural and natural atmosphere!

Will you provide the certificate of attendance?

Yes. There will be a list at the Info Point where you can leave your contact details, or after the conference drop us a line via 9emesconf@emes.net.

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