

**The “International Comparative
Social Enterprise Models” Project
2013–2020**



**A pioneering worldwide research project, bringing together
researchers from all over the world**

A unique **worldwide research project** aiming to identify, analyse and compare
social enterprise models across countries, regions and fields

Over **230 researchers** working together under the coordination of two leading scholars in the field of
social enterprise, Jacques Defourny (CES, HEC - University of Liege, Belgium) and Marthe Nyssens
(CIRTES, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium)

Some **60 countries** covered, in all regions of the world

A **database** on some **720 social enterprises** from over 40 countries

MAJOR STEPS OF THE PROJECT

I. Context, concepts, models

Understanding context and concepts in each country to identify SE models and to describe their
institutional trajectories. Country studies published as ICSEM Working papers (all available at
<http://www.iap-socent.be/icsem-working-papers>).

II. Building up an international database on social enterprise

On the basis of a common questionnaire, collection of data about over 700 social enterprises emblematic
of the SE models identified in the first stage, with a view to strengthening international comparative
analysis and to proposing a worldwide typology of SE models.

**III. Comparative analysis of SE models within world regions and at the global
level**

Publications (special issues and books) combining country-level information from previous stages,
statistical work on key SE features as well as transversal analysis of some issues such as
institutionalisation of SE models.

Major events

General meetings (all researchers)

ICSEM Kick-off Meeting, July 5, 2013, **Liege, Belgium**
General ICSEM Meeting, June 30, 2015, **Helsinki, Finland**
General ICSEM Meeting, June 27-28, 2016, **Stockholm, Sweden**
General ICSEM Meeting, July 6-7, 2017, **Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium**
Official presentation of the first two ICSEM books, June 25, 2019, **Sheffield, United Kingdom**

Researchers' regional symposiums

ICSEA - Eastern ICSEM Symposium, July 5-6, 2014, **Won Ju, South Korea**
Western ICSEM Symposium, October 9-10, 2014, **La Roche, Belgium**
Latin American ICSEM Symposium, May 24-25, 2015, **Santiago, Chile**
Central and Eastern European ICSEM Symposium, April 21-22, 2016, **Tirana, Albania**
Western European ICSEM Symposium, May 18, 2016, **Paris, France**
Latin American ICSEM Symposium, December, 15-18, 2016, **Florianópolis, Brazil**
ICSEM-COST Empower-SE Action Meeting, February 28-March 1, 2018, **Lisbon, Portugal**
ICSEM-COST Empower-SE Action Meeting, January 16-1, 2019, **Budapest, Hungary**

Talks with local stakeholders

SELF - ICSEM Talk South Korea, July 3, 2014, **Seoul, South Korea**
ICSEM Talk Pomerania, November 6, 2014, **Gdansk, Poland**
SUPSI Study Day on SE, May 19, 2015, **Lugano, Switzerland**
ICSEM Talk Israel, June 9, 2015, **Rishon Le'Zion, Israel**
ICSEM Talk Germany, November 6, 2015, **Berlin, Germany**
La Gestion des Entreprises Sociales et Solidaires, Dec. 5, 2016, **Le Mans, France**
Promoting Social Entrepreneurship in South East Asia, May 23-24, 2017, **Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Country-based "ICSEM Working Papers"

(as of June 2019)

Australia	Barraket, J., Douglas, H., Eversole, R., Mason, C., McNeill, J. & Morgan, B. (2016) " Social Enterprise in Australia: Concepts and Classifications ", No. 30.
Austria	Anastasiadis, M. & Lang, R. (2016) " Social Enterprise in Austria: A Contextual Approach to Understand an Ambiguous Concept ", No. 26.
Belgium	Huybrechts, B., Defourny, J., Nyssens, M., Bauwens, T., Brolis, O., De Cuyper, P., Degavre, F., Hudon, M., Périlleux, A., Pongo, T., Rijpens, J. & Thys, S. (2016) " Social Enterprise in Belgium: A Diversity of Roots, Models and Fields ", No. 27.
Bolivia	Hillenkamp, I., with the collaboration of Wanderley, F. (2015) " Social Enterprise in Bolivia: Solidarity Economy in Context of High Informality and Labour Precariousness ", No. 21.
Brazil	Gaiger, L. I., Ferrarini, A. & Veronese, M. (2015) " Social Enterprise in Brazil: An Overview of Solidarity Economy Enterprises ", No. 10.
Cambodia	Lyne, I., Khieng, S. & Ngın, C. (2015) " Social Enterprise in Cambodia: An Overview ", No. 05.
Canada	McMurtry, J. J., Brouard, F., Elson, P., Hall, P., Lionais, D. & Vieta, M. (2015) " Social Enterprise in Canada: Context, Models and Institutions ", No. 04. Bouchard, M. J., Cruz Filho, P. & Zerdani, T. (2015) " Social Enterprise in Québec: The Social Economy and the Social Enterprise Concepts ", No. 23.
Chile	Giovannini, M. & Nachar, P. (2017) " Social Enterprise in Chile: Concepts, Historical Trajectories, Trends and Characteristics ", No. 45.
Croatia	Vidović, D. & Baturina, D. (2016) " Social Enterprise in Croatia: Charting New Territories ", No. 32.
Czech Rep.	Dohnalová, M., Guri, D., Hrabětová, J., Legnerová, K. & Šlechtová, V. (2015) " Social Enterprise in the Czech Republic ", No. 24.
Ecuador	Ruiz Rivera, M. J. & Lemaître, A. (2017) " Social Enterprise in Ecuador: Institutionalization and Types of Popular and Solidarity Organizations in the Light of Political Embeddedness ", No. 39.
Finland	Kostilainen, H., Houtbeckers, E. & Pättiniemi, P. (2016) " Social Enterprise in Finland ", No. 37.
France	Fraisse, L., Gardin, L., Laville, J.-L., Petrella, F. & Richez-Battesti, N. (2016) " Social Enterprise in France: At the Crossroads of the Social Economy, Solidarity Economy and Social Entrepreneurship? ", No. 34.

- Glémain, P., Hénaff, G., Urasadettan, J., Amintas, A., Bioteau, E. & Guy, Y. (2016) **“Social Enterprise in France: Work Integration Learning Social Enterprises (WILSEs)”**, No. 25 (French version).
- Germany Birkhölzer, K., Göler von Ravensburg, N., Glänzel, G., Lautermann, C. & Mildemberger, G. (2015) **“Social Enterprise in Germany: Understanding Concepts and Context”**, No. 14.
- Birkhölzer, K. (2015) **“Social Enterprise in Germany: A Typology of Models”**, No. 15.
- Hungary Fekete, É. G., Hubai, L., Kiss, J. & Mihály, M. (2017) **“Social Enterprise in Hungary”**, No. 47.
- Indonesia Pratono, A. H., Pramudija, P. & Sutanti, A. (2016) **“Social Enterprise in Indonesia: Emerging Models under Transition Government”**, No. 36.
- Ireland O’Hara, P. & O’Shaughnessy, M. (2017) **“Social Enterprise in Ireland: WISE, the Dominant Model of Irish Social Enterprise”**, No. 41.
- Israel Gidron, B., Abbou, I., Buber-Ben David, N., Navon, A. and Greenberg, Y. (2015) **“Social Enterprise in Israel: The Swinging Pendulum between Collectivism and Individualism”**, No. 20.
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- Rwanda Rwamigabo, E. R. (2017) **“Social Enterprise in Rwanda: An Overview”**, No. 46.
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- Hwang, D. S., Jang, W., Park, J.-S. & Kim, S. (2016) **“Social Enterprise in South Korea”**, No. 35.
- Spain Díaz-Foncea, M., Marcuello, C., Marcuello, C., Solorzano, M., Navío, J., Guzmán, C., de la O Barroso, M., Rodríguez, M. J., Santos, F. J., Fisac, R., Alguacil, P., Chaves, R., Savall, T. & Villajos, E. (2017) **“Social Enterprise in Spain”**, No. 29.
- Sweden Gawell, M. (2015) **“Social Enterprise in Sweden: Intertextual Consensus and Hidden Paradoxes”**, No. 08.
- Switzerland Gonin, M. & Gachet, N. (2015) **“Social Enterprise in Switzerland: An Overview of Existing Streams, Practices and Institutional Structures”**, No. 03.
- Adam, S., Amstutz, J., Avilés, G., Caimi, M., Crivelli, L., Ferrari, D., Pozzi, D., Schmitz, D., Wüthrich, B. & Zöbeli, D. (2015) **“Social Enterprise in Switzerland: The Field of Work Integration”**, No. 19.
- Swaton, S. & Serlavos, M. (forthcoming) **“Social Enterprise in Switzerland: Social and Solidarity Economy in French-Speaking Switzerland”**, No. 48.
- Taiwan Kuan, Y.-Y. & Wang, S.-T. (2015) **“Social Enterprise in Taiwan”**, No. 13.
- Philippines Dacanay, M. L. (2017) **“Social Enterprise in the Philippines: Social Enterprises with the Poor as Primary Stakeholders”**, No. 49.
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- UK Spear, R., Teasdale, S., Lyon, F., Hazenberg, R., Aiken, M., Bull, M. & Kopec, A. (2017) **“Social Enterprise in the UK: Models and Trajectories”**, No. 40.
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- Vietnam Pham, T. V., Nguyen, H. T. H. & Nguyen, L. (2016) **“Social Enterprise in Vietnam”**, No. 31.
- Transversal Gordon, M. (2015) **“A Typology of Social Enterprise ‘Traditions’”**, No. 18.
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- Defourny, J., Nyssens, M. & Brolis, O. (2019) **“Mapping and Testing Social Enterprise Models Across the World: Evidence from the ‘International Comparative Social Enterprise Models (ICSEM) Project’”**, No. 50.

Transversal publications in journals

- Elson, P. & Brouard, F. (eds) (2015) “**Social Enterprise in Canada**”, Special Issue of the *Canadian journal of nonprofit and social economy research / Revue canadienne de recherche sur les OSBL et l'économie sociale (ANSERJ)*, 6(1). This publication includes contributions by nine ICSEM Partners from the various regions of Canada.
- Bidet, E., Defourny, J. & Nyssens, M. (eds) (2016) “**Entreprise sociale et économie sociale en Asie**” (Partie I), *RECMA, Revue internationale de l'économie sociale*, 341: 21-86. This publication includes contributions by ICSEM Partners from South Korea, Japan and China.
- Bidet, E., Defourny, J. & Nyssens, M. (eds) (2016) “**Entreprise sociale et économie sociale en Asie**” (Partie II), *RECMA, Revue internationale de l'économie sociale*, 342: 19-65. This publication includes contributions by ICSEM Partners from Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines.
- Cooney, K., Nyssens, M. and O'Shaughnessy, M. (eds) (2016) “**Work Integration Social Enterprises**”, Special Issue of *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, 7(4). This publication includes contributions by ICSEM Partners from the USA, Ireland, Japan, Switzerland and Austria.
- Veríssimo Veronese, M. & Nyssens, M. (eds) (2016) “**Comparación internacional de modelos de empresas de economía social y solidaria**”, Special Issue of *Ciências Sociais Unisinos*, 52(3). This publication includes contributions by ICSEM Partners from Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico and Peru.
- Defourny, J. & Nyssens, M. (eds) (2017) “**Mapping Social Enterprise Models: an International Perspective**”, Special Issue of the *Social Enterprise Journal*, 13(4). This publication includes contributions by ICSEM Partners from Israel, Australia, South Korea, Rwanda, the United Arab Emirates, New Zealand and South Africa.
- Defourny, J. & Nyssens, M. (2017) “**Fundamentals for an International Typology of Social Enterprise Models**”, *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 28(6): 2469-97.
- Defourny, J. Nyssens, M. & Brolis, O. (2021) “**Testing Social Enterprise Models Across the World: Evidence From the 'International Comparative Social Enterprise Models (ICSEM) Project'**”, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 50(2): 420-440.

ICSEM books



Bidet, E. & Defourny, J. (eds) (2019) **Social Enterprise in Asia: Theory, Models and Practice**, London & New York: Routledge



Gaiger, L. I., Nyssens, M. & Wanderley, F. (eds) (2019) **Social Enterprise in Latin America: Theory, Models and Practice**, London & New York: Routledge



Defourny, J. & Nyssens, M. (eds) (2021) **Social Enterprise in Western Europe: Theory, Models and Practice**, London & New York: Routledge



Defourny, J. & Nyssens, M. (eds) (2021) **Social Enterprise in Central and Eastern: Theory, Models and Practice**, London & New York: Routledge

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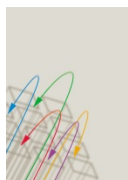
The last two books are a joint product of the ICSEM Project and the COST Action 16206 “Empowering the next generation of social enterprise scholars”.



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