



All together in Bordeaux,
27th & 28th October 2025 for the

1st European Meeting of complementary local currencies!

The **first European Meeting of Complementary Local Currencies** will be held in **Bordeaux** on **Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 October 2025**, at the **Athénée Municipal**, ahead of the **Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum – Bordeaux GSEF 2025**. This major event will bring together several thousand participants and will notably feature a **dedicated workshop on local currencies**.

These meeting is organised by the **Mouvement Sol** (the French federation of local currencies), the **Network of Local Authorities for a Solidarity Economy (RTES)**, the **Gemme** (the local currency of Gironde), and the **City of Bordeaux**, in cooperation with several European local currencies, as well as national networks such as the **Observatori de la moneda complementària** (Catalonia, Spain) and **Financité** (the Belgian federation for ethical finance).



Why These Meeting?

We observe that **complementary local currencies** are experiencing growing development in many European countries:

- **Spain** now has more than a hundred local currencies.
- **Belgium** counts about ten in **Wallonia**, and a few projects are emerging in **Flanders**.
- **Germany** has several local currencies, including the **Chiemgauer**, which is emblematic and the oldest in the country.
- A network of cooperatives in **northern Italy** is also showing increasing interest in these initiatives.
- **France**, for its part, stands out as a **leading country** in this field: it is currently the **only state** to have established **a specific legal framework**, and has more than **70 local currencies**, including the **Eusko** (Basque Country), the most important in Europe.

Despite their diversity of forms and contexts, these currencies share **common principles**. However, they differ in their degree of integration into the **social and solidarity economy (SSE)**, in the **support they receive from local authorities**, and in their **transformative impact**.

► These meeting will therefore be a unique opportunity to **get to know one another, share our experiences, and exchange on our practices**.



A European Movement

Local currencies are directly affected by **European regulations** (Payment Services Directive, European Banking Authority, etc.), and can also access **European funding** (ESF, LEADER, etc.).

► These meeting aims to **explore opportunities for cooperation**, and even to **lay the foundations for a European network of local currencies**.

A growing recognition

Local currencies now enjoy increased recognition from actors in the social and solidarity economy (ESS France, Fair, Conseil supérieur de l'ESS, Labo de l'ESS, Crédit Coopératif, Nef...), from local authorities, as well as from the State.

► These days will also provide an opportunity to engage in **dialogue with local and national public authorities and institutions** about our **shared challenges**.

You are therefore cordially invited, as representatives of your local currency, to participate in this key event (free admission upon registration), and to **invite local authorities, social and solidarity economy actors, and institutional representatives** who might be interested **to join the discussions on Tuesday afternoon**.



Please note: participation in these Meeting entitles you to a **reduced-rate Pass** (€100 in pre-sale until June 30, then €150) **for the three days of Bordeaux GSEF 2025**, which will take place from **October 29 to 31**.



Monday

27th GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN EUROPE

14:00
-14:15

Welcome address by **Bordeaux township + Mouvement Sol**

14:15
-15:10

Openary Session :

Overview of the situation of local / community currencies in Europe
Gabriella Gimigliano - RAMICS

15:30
-16:45

Round table :

Emblematic experimentations in Europe : what did work, what didn't ?

Chiemgauer, Eusko, Sardex, an example in Spain (to be confirmed), Maricà-Mumbuca
Moderator : Nicolas Franka

16:45
-18:00

Q&A + the participating local currencies can make a short presentation

18:00
-18:15

Presentation of the next day + technical info about accomodation, dinner...
Distribution of Gemme

Tuesday

28th HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER ?

9:00
-9:45

Presentation of what already exists in Europe in terms of social economy networks or good practices - Luca Pastorelli, executive director, DIESIS

10:00
-12:00

Workshop

Exchange of good practices in different rooms : how do local currencies do this and that ?

- Economic models for LC
- LC and digitalization
- Working with European Funds
- LC in the just transition
- National networks ? How to organize them ? What for ?

14:00
-14:50

Plenary session

Presentation of European cooperation projects on local currencies

15:00
-17:00

Strategical workshops in different rooms - what for can local currencies stay in touch ? And how ?

- European Funds : can we build something together ?
- A common advocacy → maybe with social economy Europe
- LC and the social economy and social finance
- LC and local authorities

17:20
-18:00

Closing plenary : Restitution

18:00
-19:00

Closing round table

Territorial resilience and just transition : The place of local currency in Europe

- French Minister in charge of Social Economy or representative (to be confirmed)
- A representative of Social Economy Europe or of ESS France (to be confirmed)
- A representative of a local community engaged in social and solidarity based economy (RTES or equivalent in Europe)
- Dante Edme-Sanjurjo, copresident of Mouvement Sol

Moderator : Nicolas Franka



Practical details

Inscription

Participation in the European local currencies meetings is free of charge. However, for organizational reasons, registration is mandatory via the link or QR code opposite.

You will then receive a confirmation that entitles you to a reduced rate for the GSEF (€100 until July 30, €150 thereafter).



<https://urlr.me/5pfS8k>

The place

Athénée Municipal

10 place Saint Christoly
33000 BORDEAUX

TRAM B - Hôtel de Ville

Accommodation

If you would like information about accommodation, please fill out the questionnaire :



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