

Thematic contribution for the next congress  
**For a Europe of social and solidarity economy**

European countries (and not only) are currently experiencing a crisis of democracies that is not unrelated to the increase in inequalities in the distribution of wealth, a consequence of a system that prioritizes the short-term interests of shareholders.

It is therefore urgent:

- on the one hand, to develop new economic forms that are more attached to the long term and to the global role of companies This is historically the case of structures such as associations, foundations, cooperatives and mutual societies where "one person = one vote", today generally grouped under the name of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE). These modes of organization exist over a large part of the continent in forms that are sometimes significantly different due to the history of each country.

-on the other hand, harmonize social security systems in Europe, the recruitment of healthcare professionals, the conduct of medical and paramedical training, the recognition of diplomas, and the management of systems for the care of people with disabilities.

Reinforcing the weight of these SSE systems in various European economic fields, notably through a mutual health insurance system, could help to move towards the implementation of European health and solidarity policies.

***It is therefore proposed to encourage the European Commission :***

**To encourage the Social and Solidarity Economy, to recognize its specificities rather than focusing on the development of competition with shareholder companies;**

**To harmonize social protection schemes, training for healthcare professionals and the management of systems for caring for people with disabilities.**

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