

## 10th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise

### Scaling Through Communities: The Role of Social Entrepreneurs and Social Enterprises in Boosting Societal Transitions.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**November 3-7, 2025**

Rotterdam School of Management of Erasmus University and Utrecht  
University

### I. General Questions

#### **When and where will the 10<sup>th</sup> EMES Conference take place?**

The 10th EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise will be held from **3 to 7 November 2025** in the Netherlands. It will be co-hosted by **Erasmus University Rotterdam** (3–5 November) and **Utrecht University** (5–7 November). This special format allows participants to explore diverse dimensions of social enterprise, with site visits, practitioner labs, and networking sessions in both Rotterdam and Utrecht. The dynamic city-to-city setup enriches the conference experience by offering varied local contexts and engagement opportunities .

This dual-city setup allows participants to benefit from the expertise, facilities, and local networks of both institutions, and to experience the diversity of Dutch initiatives in social enterprise and social innovation. It also includes unique on-site visits and practitioner exchanges in each location, enriching the program with hands-on learning and community engagement.

Regarding **transport between cities**, Rotterdam and Utrecht are well connected by train, with frequent direct services that take approximately 40 minutes. For those taking part in the excursion on 5 November, transfer between the two cities will be arranged by the organizers.

#### **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 “10EMESconf - 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Given the large number of papers presented at our conferences (around 300), we usually do not publish conference proceedings in the traditional sense of the term.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 7th 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 students**, 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.

Please note that only full papers submitted by July 30th will be considered for both Awards.

### **Is there any other Award offered to researchers?**

Yes, the **UNTFSSSE award** will be given at the 10th EMES International Research Conference.

The UNTFSSSE Award will be given in two distinct categories, **PhD students and Experts** (post-Doc or equivalent levels, members of academic faculty and independent researchers). 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 SGDs at higher education institutions both by established and emerging researchers.

Please note that only full papers submitted by the date stated on the website will be considered for the UNTFSSE Award.

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

For more information, please visit “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**

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

Abstracts, posters, panels, and full papers for the scientific conference (in English) should be uploaded via the online submission platform. Please make sure to follow the submission deadlines published on the conference website.

Contributions for the Practitioners’ Lab should be submitted directly via email to [emes2025conference@uu.nl](mailto:emes2025conference@uu.nl) addressed to the PL organizing team.

Registration will open in April and will be completed via the <https://10emesconf.exordo.com/>.

Different registration options will be available. As always, EMES members — including PhD students and regular researchers — benefit from a reduced registration fee. If you’re not a member yet and would like to join, you can easily sign up for an annual student or individual membership [here](#).

If you are presenting at the conference, please make sure to register by June 30th at the latest so we can finalize and publish the program on time.

As in previous years, the Conference Dinner will be charged separately. Excursions will be included in the program and will also cover transportation to Utrecht.

### **What is the payment and reimbursement policy of the conference?**

Payment for conference fees must be completed prior to registration. Only participants who have paid the full conference fee will be registered. Refunds are available for cancellations submitted in writing before July 15, 2025, subject to a €50 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after July 15, 2025.

### **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

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#### **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 [10emesconf@emes.net](mailto:10emesconf@emes.net) with all your details (full name, passport number, country of origin and birth) so we can prepare one for you.

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

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

We have prepared information about the excursion, which will also serve as transportation between locations. Please check the details [here](#) and be sure to register for it in the registration form.

#### **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 [10emesconf@emes.net](mailto:10emesconf@emes.net).

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