



## Welcome to CCSE!

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Centre for Social and Sustainable Enterprise

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**Our team**

Membership is open to anyone in the Business and Law Schools with an active research interest in social and sustainable enterprises. We also welcome associates from other faculties and institutions. If you are interested in joining, please [contact us](#).

**Centre Directors**

- † Aisling Walsh (Centre Director)
- † Francesca Cals (Centre Co-Director)
- † Richard Blunden (Founding Director of CSSE and Emerita Professor)

Research

- Research impact
- Research activity
- Centre for Public Understanding of Finance
- Research into Employment and Equitable

## 2. Approval of the agenda and quorum check

1. **Welcome on behalf of the Board and special welcome to new members** by *Francesca Petrella*
- #1 2. **Approval of the agenda and quorum check** by *Francesca Petrella*
- #2 3. **Approval of the Ordinary GA minutes (June 2024, online)** by *Francesca Petrella*
- #3 4. **Overview of EMES Activities in 2023-24** by *Coordination Unit*
- #4 5. **Approval of 2024 Annual Accounts & 2025 Projected Budget** by *Kai R. Green*
- #5 6. **Discharge from Board of director** by *Rocío Nogales-Muriel*
7. **Outlook of 2025**
  - 7.1. Network governance and actions by *Francesca Petrella & Rocío Nogales-Muriel*
  - 7.2. Planned activities by the EMES PhD Network by *Juliana Rodrigues*
  - 7.3. Planned activities by Affinity Groups by *AG coordinators*
8. **Other news for and from members** by *Francesca Petrella*
9. **Next Extraordinary General Assembly date** by *Francesca Petrella*

## Vote 1

### Approval of the Agenda



## Practical details about voting

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For those participating online, voting will be made using the “polls” feature of Zoom: votes will be casted during half a minute when the hosts activates it and it stops when the host deactivates it.

As per the bylaws, **two categories of members can cast votes:**

- 1) Institutional members representatives** (appointed in advance);
- 2) Individual researchers members.**

Please **do not cast a vote** if you are a graduate student member or a member associated to an institutional member who is not the official representative.



## Quorum rules

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### Article 20. Quorum, Majority Rules and Voting Rights

(20.2)

The votes of all Institutional Members together sum up to a total of two-thirds of the expressed votes.

The votes of all Individual Members together sum up to a total of one-third of the expressed votes.

**20.4. Unless otherwise specified by the CAC or the Articles of Association, the decisions of the General Assembly are taken by a simple majority of the Members present or represented.**



## Quorum check

### Registered voting members

Institutional members: 11 / 11

Individual members: 40 / 88

Present – 35

Represented – 5

Total members present/represented: 51 / 99

**QUORUM  
REACHED**



### 3. Approval of the OGA minutes

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#### Minutes from the Ordinary GA of June 2024 (online)

Main agenda points and decisions taken:

- 1. Approval of Agenda** - The Assembly unanimously approves the agenda.
- 2. Approval of Extraordinary GA Minutes (Sept 2023 & Feb 2024)** - The Assembly unanimously approves the minutes.
- 3. Approval of the EMES Activities for 2023** - The Assembly unanimously approves the EMES activities conducted over the year 2023.
- 4. Approval of 2023 Financial Accounts** - The Assembly unanimously approves the 2023 profit and loss accounts.
- 5. Approval of the 2024 Budget** - The Assembly unanimously approves the 2024 projected budget.
- 6. Discharge of the Board of Directors for 2023** - The Assembly unanimously approves the discharge of the Board of Directors for the 2023 financial year.



## Vote 2

Approval of the OGA 2024 minutes



## 4. Overview of the EMES Activity Report 2023-2024



**Vote 3** 

Activities of EMES in 2024





## 6. Discharge of the board of directors

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### What is it?

Formal release of the association directors from their liability for the policy pursued during the 2024 financial year.

It's mandatory for associations in Belgium.



### Vote 5

Approval of the discharge of the Board of Directors for 2024



## 7. Outlook of 2025

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7.1. Network Governance and Actions

7.2. Planned activities by the EMES PhD Network

7.3. Planned activities by Affinity Groups



## 7.1. Network Governance and Actions

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### Board Governance



## 7.1. Network Governance and Actions

 10<sup>th</sup> EMES International Research Conference on Social Enterprise

### EMES events

- Deadline for presenters' registration – 30/06/2025
- Full paper submission (for award) – 30/06/2025
- Submission of practitioners' contributions – 20/08/2025
- Notification to practitioners – 9/09/2025
- Program publication – 15/09/2025
- Deadline for registration for non-presenters – 6 /10/2025



## 7.1. Network Governance and Actions

### International Colloquium on Cooperatives



## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM ON COOPERATIVES

30-31 May 2025  
Trento, Italy



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## 7.1. Network Governance and Actions



Research Seminar (Paris)

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### Horizon Projects and new proposals

Empowering Creative  
& Cultural Industries  
to Boost  
Systemic Innovation  
for Sustainable  
Climate Transition



[www.emccinno.eu](http://www.emccinno.eu)



[www.wiseshiftproject.eu](http://www.wiseshiftproject.eu)

## 7.2. Planned activities by the EMES PhD Network

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Juliana Rodrigues,  
PhD Representative



## 7.3. Planned activities by Affinity Groups

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Five groups are running!

**CASE:** Affinity group devoted to culture and the arts in the SE field

**SISE:** Affinity group devoted to social impact and the SE field

**RUR-SE:** Affinity group dedicated to rural and regional perspectives on the social and solidarity economy and social innovation

**CEE&SE:** Central and East Europe and the SE field

**SEEd:** Affinity group on education and teaching in the SE field



Social Impact in the SE field (SISE)



Rural and regional perspectives on the social and solidarity economy and social innovation (RUR-SE)



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### Central and East Europe and the SE field (CEE&SE)

- **Polish-Slovak research project:** The project is ongoing. Research visits to both Poland and Slovakia are scheduled for early autumn.
- **Joint panel submission on CEE countries:** Our proposal has been accepted for inclusion in the upcoming EMES Conference. The panel will feature presentations from representatives of Croatia, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, and Romania.



## 8. Other news for and from members



## 9. Next Extraordinary General Assembly date

In Utrecht,  
during the 10EMESconf on  
6 November 2025  
(15:15-16:15)



**EMES network**

Thank you very much  
for your attention and participation  
and **see you in The Netherlands!**

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