

49 countries now participate in the Action
All 38 COST Members plus Israel, South Africa, Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Georgia, India, Lebanon, Morocco, Russian Federation and United States.
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Objective: To identify and bind the variety of SE conceptions and models at the local level.

79 Participants

Theoretical foundations of SE

WG1



Objective: To gather evidence and analyse the innovative contributions of SEs in key industries for the development of sustainable societies.

140 Participants

SE industry fields

WG2



Objective: To equip major SE stakeholders with robust knowledge to understand how the different elements that compose the ecosystem of SEs in each country interact and can have an impact on the scaling of SEs, both wide and deep.

41 Participants

SE ecosystems

WG3



Objective: To produce concrete outputs for SE research community and to ensure the maximum impact of the Action in terms of transfer of knowledge and awareness among the stakeholders during and beyond the Action duration.

86 Participants

SE training and critical approaches

WG4



Empowering the next generation of social enterprise scholars EMPOWER-SE

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Joining working groups

The Action is organized around four Working Groups, each of them with specific tasks and deliverables. They address central research areas for SE:



WG1. Foundations

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WG2. Industries & Impact

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WG3. Ecosystems

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WG4. Education & Dissemination

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Action meetings and other activities

By February 2020, a total of **10 activities** gathering over **1500 participants** have been organized and the list keeps growing..

Early career and female researchers

PhD candidates and researchers beginning their career as well as women are encouraged to participate in the activities and governance of the Action. More than 50% of participants in Empower-SE are women and over 60% of leadership positions are held by early career researchers.

Intensiveness target countries

Despite the consolidation of SE into a research field, there are countries where it is still incipient and a research community has not developed yet. Empower-SE addresses this situation by organizing activities in these countries and ensuring that researchers are connected to an international community. This in turn, contributes to the consolidation of local communities that include both academic and non-academic stakeholders.

Short visits & conference grants

Short visits to conduct research or co-write articles are possible as part of Empower-SE. So far, 10 researchers, have benefited from this opportunity. Three researchers from Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania have benefitted from conference grants.



“ This research visit has definitely contributed to my analysis of the characteristics, role and evolution of SEs on tackling the migration and refugee challenges.

Georgia Trasciani (visited Glasgow Caledonian University from Aix-Marseille University) ”



46 Publications

Documenting and sharing the results of the joint work are the goals of the various publication formats produced by the Action. They include:

- 2 Routledge volumes
- 2 Journal issues
- 6 Stakeholder briefs
- 3 Workshop proceedings
- 33 Selected conference papers



22 Videos

How do we tell inside stories about the transformation happening within researchers participating in the Action? Since April 2019, we have been sharing the personal stories of participating researchers in the form of video pills. [Videos section.](#)



2 Podcasts

A total of 2 podcasts plus a teaser have been produced in this first stage of the Action.

[Podcasts section.](#)

- Episode 1: Theoretical foundations and news from Central and Eastern Europe
- Episode 2: How SE is shaping industries: Health services, migrant integration and culture

Further information available on [EMPOWER-SE Results](#)

