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Alternate Name

Association pour le Développement des Données
sur l'Économie Sociale

Relevance

ADDES is the most ancient and important learned association on social economy in France. It is at the origin of the first statistical data on this field, in addition of a multidisciplinary academic community in France.

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Introduction

ADDES was created with a double objective: to improve and disseminate the knowledge of social economy organizations, especially by giving them

a greater visibility in the official statistics, and to promote this set of organizations in the public sphere and the public at large.

Brief History

ADDES was founded in 1982 by an informal group of statisticians and academics, rapidly joined by employees of cooperatives, mutual societies, and associations eager to give more acknowledgement to the economic and social role of these organizations. In 1983, a first conference was organized, followed by more than 30. Since 1986, two young researchers are annually awarded prizes by ADDES. Since 2005, seminars are proposed between two conferences. In 2008, an historian wrote a book on this pioneer organization (Toucas-Truyen 2018).

Mission and Objectives

Grouping data on the social economy in a “satellite account” within the framework of national accounts is the flagship project that ADDES has campaigned since its start. Therefore, its first historical mission was to draw the main lines of a satellite account of social economy and to lobby the government and the French statistical office to implement it. Facing political difficulties in this lobbying, ADDES turned a larger objective, the accumulation and dissemination of multidisciplinary research done in isolation.

It keeps also a strong link with social economy umbrella organizations. Measuring social economy contributions, analyzing its transformations, understanding its operations, and bringing its actors together are the main objectives of ADDES.

One of the vehicles for achieving this objective is the *Revue des Etudes Cooperatives, mutualistes et associatives* (RECMA), the only French journal on the social economy and related topics.

Activities

ADDES organizes a 1-day conference every 18 months that brings together some 300 researchers and practitioners. In between ADDES also run seminars and other events that help further understanding of social and solidarity economy, clearing a research question or bringing together research networks.

Two prizes are regularly awarded by ADDES to young researchers, one for the best doctoral thesis and a springboard award at the master2 level.

ADDES open to the public on its website a reference data base on social and solidarity economy. This data base has over 13,000 entries.

Periodically ADDES checks the University level curricula focused on social economy and initiates meetings of the various academic networks on the same topic.

Structure and Governance

ADDES is a declared association, with few members whose general assembly is the governing body. A bureau grouping the president, two vice-presidents, and a part-time CEO performs its executive function. A larger scientific council composed of voluntary statisticians, academics, and representatives of social economy organizations prepares the periodical conferences and seminars. A jury including foreigners evaluates the dissertations and thesis of the candidates to awards.

Funding

ADDES annual budget is 40,000 euros and funding come mainly from Credit Cooperatif, a cooperative bank, since its very beginning and from Credit Cooperatif corporate foundation since its creation in 1984.

Major Contributions

In 2019, the French statistical office, INSEE contracted with EUROSTAT, European Union statistical agency, to implement in France the UN Handbook: *Satellite Account on Non-profit and Related Institutions and Volunteer Work* (UN 2018). It is a way to fulfill the initial mission of ADDES and a result of its lobbying.

In addition, by its awards and the publication on line and through the RECMA journal, the only one dealing with social economy, of the papers delivered in its periodical conference, ADDES is now the main French reference on this topic. A multidisciplinary academic community was created step by step that afforded also a contribution to drafting the 2014 Framework Law on Social and Solidarity Economy.

Cross-References

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