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Transcript of interview
interviewer (e): You work in which organisation
Interviewee (E) : Institut Européen pour l'Économie Solidaire

e: What is the mission of your organisation? And what is your role in the organisation?

E: Our mission is to reinforce the visibility of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE), so in Europe as well as in Luxembourg, we try to establish activities on a long term in cooperation with the public sector economy also the private, we often participate in conferences and summer universities as experts, and one of our biggest project was the organisation of LUX'09, the fourth international forum globalisation of solidarity that was here in 2009 and we are one of the coordinators of RIPESS Europe and Eric is one of the 2 representatives of Europe in the Intercontinental RIPESS, and we are also among the coordinating members of RIUESS, that is an Inter University network of SSE, it is mainly a French network, and at the moment we are also working together with the ministerial department for Solidarity Based economy in Luxembourg and help them by proposing advices and suggestions concerning the elaboration of a yearly plan of SSE.

e: Actual in Luxembourg you have a minister of the SSE?

E: It is a ministerial department, he has the title of "Ministre délégué", he is a special person who is delegated to the SE. E: Do you know if there is anywere alse in Europe something like this?

E. No, in Europe only in Luxembourg

e: Then you have in Brazil, and Québec?

E: In Brazil there is a so called "Secrétariat national de l'Economie Solidaire. I don't know about Québec, that I don't know

e: But sorry I interrupted you, please continue...

E: No that is ok, I was almost finished, and then we have this mapping project, and that is all.

e: And the mapping project is in a website

E: Yes is in ecosolux.lu

e: ok, and what is your role in all this, in your organisation

E: I work here since Jan 2009, I came here as a European Volunteer, to participate in the organisation of Lux'09, after I stayed and then I was mainly working on ecosolux and the mapping and we have some smaller projects and did some youth projects.

e: So you have this platform ecosolux.lu what is the main goal of this platform?

E: It was a one year project, last year project 2010 and it was financed by the european social fund and by the minister of labour and employment, and it was to identify and to mobilize the players of SSE in Luxembourg and to put them on a map, by using this interactive website, also its aim is to define the contours of SSE and stimulate networking and to contribute to the creation or emergence

of innovative projects in this field.

e: So in practice you have here or you aim to have here all the organisations in Luxembourg that can be labelled as SSE. Do you have them all already?

E:No! Not yet.

e: how does this process work? If I am an SSE organisation and want to be in you mapping? It is me that contact you or is Ecosolux that look for the organisations?

E: Actually it works both ways, because we also tried to contact many organisations an invited them to come and register themselves but of course it is open to any other initiatives to come to the platform. Practically it works like that they come to the platform and as you see there is a "Je veux me référencer" the organisation clicks here and actually the first page is the charter, we have a charter that you can also find and read in the main menu, it is the last one of the buttons, called "Charte"

e. yes, with the rules

E: That is our charter and the organisation or initiative has to accept this charter and after they create an account and they can fill in the "fiche d'initiative" and after we receive an email that we have a new "référencement" on the website, and we have regular meeting with the comité de pilotage (steering committee in English). The committee consists of leaders of 6 organisations. We sit together and discuss, based on the charter, if the newly registered initiative can really be considered as part of SSE or not.

e: Ok. That meeting, the comité, who belongs to that committee, who chose those persons?

E: There are Caritas luxembourg, EGCA (Entente des gestionnaires des centres d'acceuil), Etika a.s.b.l. an ethical bank, TransFair-Minka, a fair trade organisation and Inter-actions1,

e: Those organisations send a person to the committee

E: The members of this committee were chosen because last year we were defining the project (nomenclature, charter, etc) and these were those representatives of SSE organisations who attended regularly the meetings of working groups, but actually the comité de pilotage is an open structure and everybody who would like to join can join and participate in it.

e: They submit, the comité meets and approves, they have a login and a password afterwards. How

E:Yes, after the committee validates the initiative, it is visualised on the map. (Users can always modify or complete their profile though.) Interested people visiting the website can search for initiatives on the map. By clicking on the icon that looks like a small house the complete information form of the initiative is accessible.

e: Is there any interaction?

E: Yes there is a space reserved for the organisations that are registered, so when they login there is a forum: "Je propose, je cherche..."

e: This information is a big database. You don't share it with anyone, you are willing to inter change information, for now you don't do it at all

E: No, at the moment we are not sharing the information with other systems.

e: You have this will of interchanging information isn't? It is answered because you were at the meeting in Paris

E. Yes.

E: Our main objectives by maintaining this website is to share, to establish a network and to raise the visibility of the sector). At the moment there is not e-commerce on the website.

E: No

e: And there is no any kind of connection to e-government

E: Actually the ministeriel department for solidarity based economy is quite new, so they don't have any platform; this is the reason why they also have a space on our website as you can see it on the right side of the page.

e: Do you think there is a will in the future to communicate the information that is in this data base to the government?

E. I am sure because one of the aims of the project was already to be able to provide statistical data towards the government, regarding SSE in Luxembourg

e: Only statistics or can you envisagé this organisations sending automatically informations to the government?

E. What kind of information

e: Something like bilan socal, bilan économique

E: I don't know.

e: This platform was developed by who?

E: You mean technically? It was a cooperation between Centre de Recherche Public Henri Tudor et Objectif Plein Emploi (OPE). From OPE it was Jurij who was in charge. He also participated in the Paris meeting.

e: Is it based in a open source software?

E: Yes, it was based in TYPO3

e: Do you want to add anything?

E: Just want to add that everybody, even if they are not registered in the platform, can propose events or news to be published on the website by simply filling in the form that can be found at the bottom of the page "Agenda" and that of "Actualités".

e: can you send me the questionnaire that every organisation has to fill?

E. Ok! I will send it to you and also the description of the platform and other documents.

e: Thank you so much for you time

E: It was a pleasure!