

## SAVE THE DATE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

After Victoria (Canada) in 2007 and Ostersund (Sweden) in 2009, the

### 3rd International Research Conference on Social Economy of CIRIEC

will take place in Valladolid (Spain) from 6 to 8 April 2011.

General Theme of the Conference:

#### **The Social Economy, prop of a new model of sustainable economic development**

**Objective of the conference:** To examine the role that the social economy can play in a new model of economic development which is sustainable for both the North and the South.

Main thematic areas of the conference:

1. The social economy, a powerful socio-economic agent in the North and in the South
2. The social economy as a vector of social and economic change
3. The allies of the social economy in a new model of sustainable economic development
4. The role of the State and of international institutions with regard to the social economy.

Organised by CIRIEC-España and CIRIEC-International

Researchers, professionals working in this sector and government representatives are invited to participate in the Congress.

**Save this date: 15/10/2010 Deadline for submission of paper proposals**

Languages accepted: English, Spanish and French.

- *2nd International Research Conference, Ostersund (Sweden)*  
[http://socek.se/ciriec\\_research\\_2009](http://socek.se/ciriec_research_2009)
- *Annals of Public & Cooperative Economics*  
<http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=1370-4788>
- *Ciriec-España, revista de economía pública, social y cooperativa*  
<http://www.ciriec-revistaeconomia.es>
- CIRIEC-International  
<http://www.ciriec.ulg.ac.be/>
- CIRIEC-España, Observatorio de la economía social:  
<http://www.observatorioeconomiasocial.es>

## **Thematic areas of the conference:**

### **I. The social economy, a powerful socio-economic agent in the North and in the South**

- The theoretical, conceptual and philosophical challenges of the social economy as a socio-economic reality made up of cooperatives, non-profit and voluntary service organisations, mutual societies, associations and other social enterprises
- National and regional studies of the social economy: current situation, trends and challenges for the future
- Assessment of the social economy: how it is assessed and how its economic or social contribution is measured

### **II. The social economy as a vector of social and economic change**

- The social economy's answers to the problems of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: poverty, the environmental crisis, unemployment and the development of political and economic democracy
- The bases for a new model of development: social innovation and innovation systems
- Democratic government, participation, training and management in social economy organisations
- Integration through business associations and the socio-political organisation of Social Economy bodies
- The social economy's financial, social and economic responses to the first major world economic crisis of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **III. The allies of the social economy in a new model of sustainable economic development**

- Socially responsible enterprises and corporate social responsibility
- Social enterprises
- Micro-enterprises, worker-managed enterprises and enterprises with worker shareholders
- Social movements, trades unions, volunteers, social networks and the Social Economy 2.0
- The organisations that support and fund the social economy

### **IV. The role of the State and of international institutions with regard to the social economy**

- The role of the social economy in public policies, with particular reference to social, employment and local and regional development policies.
- Policies to support the social economy.
- New types of public policy and new policies (*new public management*, collaboration between the public sector and the social economy, etc.)
- Legal and regulatory scenarios for the social economy