



# ACTIVITY REPORT

# 2021

*Making SSE visible and strengthen the SSE Ecosystem*  
*Supporting individuals, groups and networks*

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# INTRODUCTION

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The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate our course for 2021 with reference to all activities of Dock. We are a non-profit organization of six members with a cooperative structure, initially formed in 2015 from 12 young people active in Social Solidarity Economy sector and officially founded in 2017. Our mission is to contribute to the visibility of SSE in Greece by organizing public events and congresses, to empower SSE enterprises and initiatives by providing constant information, educational programs, business support, seminars, and tools but also through networking for collaborations with other ventures.



We believe that SSE is an alternative of organizing economy and society based on the values of Solidarity, Sustainability and Social Justice. An economy whose profit is the social result it generates. Our perspective for SSE is that of an economic model that incorporates initiatives organized based on collective ownership, management and work with

democratic decisions and control. A model orientated on human and social needs, a local development with social and environmental balance.

Referring to the Greek SSE ecosystem, Dock is still the only supporting infrastructure that combines the claims and needs of the SSE social movement in a professional and scientific setting continuously. In that direction we created a model that allows us to become a professional support structure by providing almost all our services free of charge while we try to bond the “entrepreneurial dimension” with the “social- political dimension” of one transformative SSE. Unfortunately, for the collectives engaged at the SSE concept and practices while they are not following the “market orientation” only, they have no financial capacity to grow and develop, in contrast to “start-up hubs” that receive support from Banks, embassies, business funds. In that context and in combination with the feedback received from the SSE field, we considered it as our call and responsibility to keep on going with our work.

*This activity report has been conducted by the three legal representatives of Dock*

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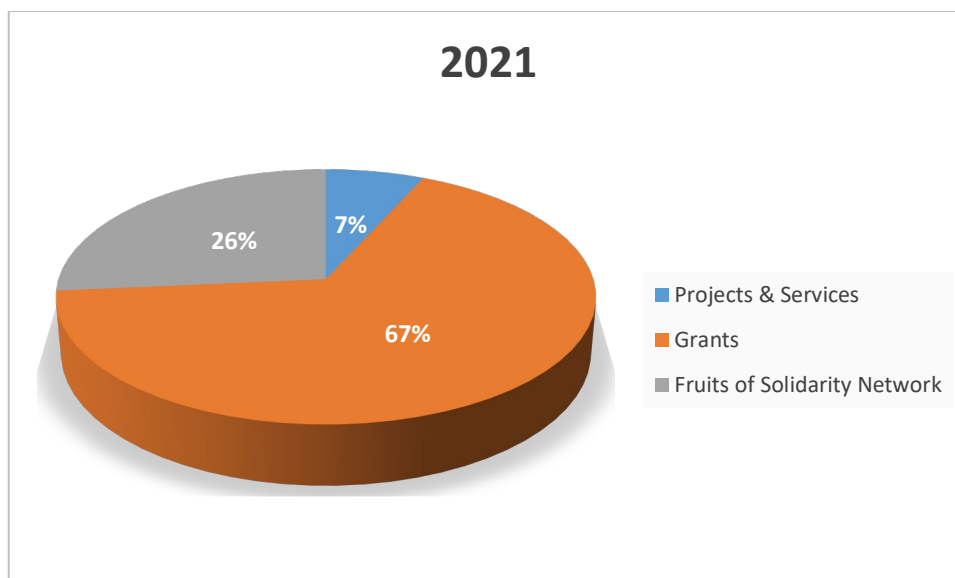
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The pandemic is still the main issue in 2021, but our ability as a team to adjust and adapt to the new circumstances has helped us to continue our operations and even expand our activity and support groups that are in different geographical areas, due to the new way of communicating through digital platforms. The implementation of the SSE Support Center program continues until October 2021, the official ending of this project. In addition we continued the implementation of two Erasmus+ project and we also started two new projects, details you will find in the Projects and services section of this report.

All below described activities of 2021 were financed through four sources of income: grants (SSE support center, Erasmus+, etc) (67%), Projects & Services (seminars, consulting services, etc) (7%) and the Fruits of Solidarity Network contribution to Dock (26%). The percentages are illustrated bellow:



An activity that goes beyond the formal SSE Support center program was the cooperation with the SSE Support centers, located outside our region of Attica, exchanging knowledge, finding solutions, and creating and implementing new ideas in promoting SSE.



## Supporting individuals & groups

As support center we organized 6 online public events covering different thematics in the SSE field, these events were attended by people from all over Greece and their purpose was to increase knowledge about SSE for the general public. Additionally, we worked closely with four ventures in 2021. Besides our obligations towards the SSE Support Structure program, we offered training and coaching services to them that was dedicated on their special needs (at least 20 hours additionally to those funded by the program, for each case).

Description of the 4 ventures you will find below:



**Name:** Kid in the Field

**About:** The new group of 5 people consists mainly of educators focusing on strengthening the adults around a child (educational & family environment) Kid In the Field, thus supporting the first years of the child's life. They offer pedagogical support for adults through consulting as well as educational tools and programs.

**The challenge:** How can a new group of educators transform their knowledge about pedagogical methods into services, strengthening the collective knowledge of the group on social entrepreneurship & marketing?

**The focus of our support:** Training and coaching on SSE Entrepreneurship, Economic Sustainability, Marketing & running an SSE venture.



**Name:** Sustain Events

**About:** Sustain Events is a new group of 5 people coming from the field of event planning. Their aim is to transform the sector in becoming more sustainable both socially and environmentally. They offer organizing, executing, and promoting events and sustainability trainings with a special focus on a digital tool to access the sustainability issues.

**The challenge:** How can a new SSE group enter the highly competitive market of event planning, disseminate a new way of thinking in the sector focusing on the people and the planet and establish and forming strategic alliances?

**The focus of our support:** Training and coaching on Strategy, Economic Sustainability, Social Impact, Cooperatism and Collaborations



**Name:** Phaos 8

**About:** FAOS 8 is an existing Social Cooperative Enterprise and its activities are entertainment, non-formal, experiential education and culture. The group creates cultural products with a pedagogical character, produces and implements educational and recreational activities with the synergy of art.

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**The challenge:** How can an existing SSE venture redefine its marketing strategy and take the necessary steps to enter the market in the light of the pandemic, considering any restrictive measures still in place as well as the fact that the cultural sector is one of the sectors most severely affected by the current situation and will need a long time to recover.

**The focus of our support:** Training and coaching on Strategy with a focus on risk management, Marketing in SSE, Cooperatism and Collaborations.



**Name:** Hellenic Youth Participation

**About:** Hellenic Youth Participation (HYP) is a Social Cooperative Enterprise based in Athens. It has been operating since 2014 as an education and empowerment organization with the main focus on activating and educating young people on European issues and encouraging them to participate in social and political life.

**The challenge:** Becoming more efficient in its actions in order to be more resilient and sustainable in times of crisis. Extension of the activity in workshops that will be addressed to business employees.

**The focus of our support:** Training and coaching on Entrepreneurship, Economic Sustainability, Marketing, Cooperatism and Collaborations



**Name:** SubUrban

SubUrban is a group of 5 people from Thessaloniki, all of them coming from the field of social movements and are closely related to BIOME, the recovered factory in Thessaloniki. They want to set up a venture that will organize cultural and political events, sell used books, offer catering services, rent technical equipment etc.

**The challenge:** How to form an SSE entity to host all their different activities, provide decent jobs and act as the legal umbrella in functioning in the occupied space of BIOME?

**The focus of our support:** Our support to this team is ongoing although the services were offered for free by DOCK's experts.

On October 10, 2021, the program that funded the operation of the SSE support center ended. Despite that we as Dock continued to operate our daily InfoPoint services for free, plus organizing free seminars once a week on SSE until the end of 2021.

## Supporting the SSE ecosystem

Some of the main activities, concerning the visibility of SSE and the ecosystem of SSE in Greece, are the following:



### Online Public Event: SSE Week

Together with the other SSE support centers in Greece we organized a big digital event, a whole week dedicated to SSE. This event included 27 presentations of good practices, in different areas, 5 workshops, 11 presentations in different thematics in SSE, and a big final event. From 10.00 in the morning till 9.00 in the evening for six days.

Dock was involved in the organization of the event, acted as a coordinator between the support centers, created the site where all information was loaded, created communication articles, organized

two events for presenting good practices in the areas of technology, manufacturing and processing. The organization and implementation of this event required many more hours that the funding program covered. For a month and a half we dedicated 2 hours daily in the organization of this event plus the total hours we dedicated during the event.



### Report on the results of the SSE support centers.

To present the work that was done by the 11 SSE support centers and explain their importance in establishing SSE, we created a report that presents their objectives and the activities they organized in order to promote SSE and support SSE ventures. Members of Dock worked for months for the designing of the report, creating context, gathering data and worked together with the graphic designing in order to create the report.

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Active involvement in the Association of the digital platform **kalomathe.gr**. Two members of Dock participated in a 3-day meeting in the norther part of Greece where the future development of the platform was discussed among its members. Dock also organized workshops during this meeting in participatory decision making. We are also offering training and coaching services to the Association to plan for the future. We also created additional educational context for the platform.

Participation in the Union of SSE entities in the Attica region. We are members of the board of the Union and our main aim is to strengthen the Union and its ability to support SSE entities in our area.

Ripess Europe, we are members of the Coordination committee. One of our members attends meeting and assemblies of Ripess, dealing with promoting SSE on a European level.

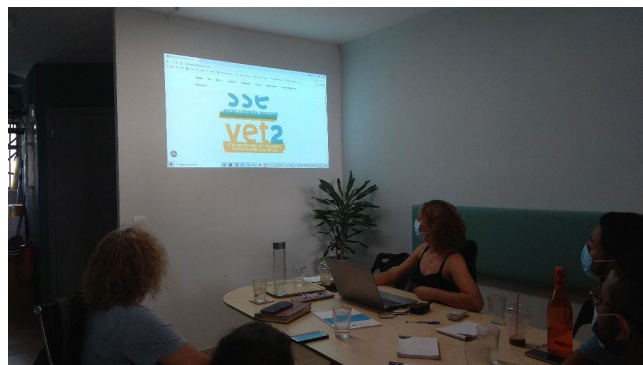


# Projects and Services

## Continuing Projects

We have completed the implementation of 2 Erasmus+ Projects:

**Strengthening VET trainers' competences and skills.** This project aims to promote Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) in Europe, through the training of trainers in this specific field. Striving for innovation in Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs, we seek to contribute to the civic and professional development of people, through the integration of alternative socioeconomic models and practices to the traditional market economy in the curricula and teaching methodologies (<https://dock.zone/projects/vet2/>).



**EMPLOY SSE: Promoting Employability through Social Solidarity Economy.** The central idea of the project is to implement and promote the framework of Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) in Vocational and Educational Training (VET). The vision is a comprehensive training and professional development of younger generations, which integrates alternative socioeconomic models in their framework of ideas and attitudes. Although a lot of work has been done on the positive social effects of SSE, less attention has been paid on the positive effect that SSE has on employability, when today, the SSE sector provides paid employment to 6.3% of the working population in the EU-28, compared to 6.5% in 2012.



## New Projects

**Participatory Budgeting :** The main goal of the project is the promotion, the documentation and the impact assessment of the Participatory Budgeting (P.B.) concept, methodology and practices derived from the implemented experiences and addressed to the Greek local Authorities governance system. The project was implemented by Dock in collaboration with Commonsense COOP both members of Union of SSE actors in Attica. The total budget for this program was 12.900 euro, of these 4.000 euros were funded by Dock and the rest by Heinrich Böll Stiftung – Office Thessaloniki.



**Sailing and electric cargo in the Aegean and the Mediterranean: a pilot experiment-** This project, started in September of 2021 and will be implemented by DOCK and Aegean Cargo Sailing, a social enterprise which is funded by the Green Fund of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate change that supports environmental projects. The activities we will implement concern two goals: on the one hand, the inter-island connection and the transport of products, using wind and electric energy sources, with zero carbon footprint, and, on the other hand, the protection of the environment by strengthening and expanding the cultivation of organic products, without the use of chemicals.



**Dialogue & Action for the Future:** Started in October 2021 and will be finished in October 2022. For 12 months we will co-fund and implement this project that is about activating and building the capacity of the community and strengthening the ecosystem of Manganiako, a small mountainous village. This project emerged as an effort to further support Nostos, a social cooperative enterprise that is producing local products with which we collaborated for them to become a responsible and sustainable venture aligning at the same time with the principles of fair trade (2019 – 2020). From March to October, we co-designed a proposal that was submitted and won the Civic Europe Idea Challenge 2021 (<https://civic-europe.eu/ideas/dialogue-action-for-the-future/>).



## Educational seminars

In cooperation with the Development Agency of Karditsa we organized 2 50-hour training programs, on Creating a Social Solidarity Economy Business: From Idea to Ready. The programs were aimed at young people up to 29 years of age who are unemployed / unemployed and who are not attending another



education or training program. At the end of the training young people learned how to make all the necessary decisions to proceed with the creation of a social enterprise, a cooperative, a social solidarity economy entity. They have learned all the necessary planning steps to start a new business activity with the best possible preparation.