



THE SOCIAL ECONOMY INITIATIVE OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

ENABLING QUÉBEC'S ENGLISH SPEAKERS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE SOCIAL ECONOMY

SEEnet empowers Québec's English-speaking communities to build upon their vitality and creativity. By working with local talent and expertise, we help communities flourish.

Since its creation in 2021, SEEnet has become an important force within Québec's social economy ecosystem. As the social-economy initiative of the Regional Development Network (RDN)—a collective of 19 regional organizations serving English-speaking communities in Québec—SEEnet mobilizes, supports, and empowers communities to face socio-economic challenges with entrepreneurial approaches, active participation, and purposeful solutions. SEEnet is funded by the Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise.

OUR SERVICES

PROJECT SUPPORT · PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS · MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM ·
NETWORK BUILDING · RESOURCE DIRECTORY · SPARK SESSIONS · VIDEOS AND PODCASTS

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Québec is considered a world leader in the social economy, and SEEnet is making sure that English speakers in the province benefit from all that leadership and experience in developing their local communities through social enterprise.

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THE SOCIAL ECONOMY: FROM MARGINS TO MAINSTREAM

Built on economic, social, cultural, and environmental objectives, the social economy rebalances the priorities of economic development with a focus on the value of people over profits. Defined by a commitment to serving the community through democratic participation and self-management, the social economy is made up mainly of nonprofits and cooperatives covering all sectors of our economy.

Québec is a world leader in the social economy. Since its founding, SEEnet has developed partnerships and initiatives to work towards fully including the province's 1.2 million English speakers in the movement.

ADVANCING INNOVATIVE IDEAS

SEEnet strategically mobilizes community knowledge, leverages available resources, and builds capacity for English-speaking communities to implement innovative social economy projects. We offer workshops, consultations, and project support to both cooperatives and not-for-profit organizations for long-term growth. By building strong connections and province-wide partnerships, SEEnet helps advance innovative projects that increase economic and social opportunities within English-speaking communities.



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FACTS

Social economy enterprises play an important role in the economic and social vitality of Québec.

\$53.6
BILLION

Québec has about 11 360 social economy enterprises that generate nearly \$53.6 billion in annual revenue and employ about 248 000 individuals.

**SOCIAL ECONOMY
ENTERPRISES**

76.6%

NOT-FOR-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS

23.4%

CO-OP/MUTUAL-
BENEFIT SOCIETIES

47%

**> 30
years**

31.9%

**16–30
years**

Social economy enterprises are in business for the long-term with 47% having been in operation for more than 30 years and 31.9% between 16 and 30 years.

Source: L'économie sociale au Québec - Portrait statistique 2022

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its founding in 2021, SEEnet has:

- Provided project support to nearly 40 social economy enterprises emerging from English-speaking communities at all stages of development
- Collaborated with dozens of regional, provincial, and national social economy organizations on joint events, educational opportunities, and tool creation
- Offered more than 45 online and in-person events with nearly 800 participants held in eight different regions
- Produced a video and podcast series showcasing social economy enterprises connected to English-speaking communities in Québec
- Translated and adapted the SISMIC provincial youth initiative's two-hour Révélateur workshop to offer to English-speaking students and youth
- Offered four different micro-grant opportunities:
 - Early-stage project support
 - Support for existing social economy enterprises wishing to provide better service to English-speaking clientele
 - Support for culture and heritage organizations to share the stories of English-language communities
 - Mentorship for social economy enterprise managers and directors

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