

OECD SILK Peer Learning Session conducted by DIESIS Network

DIESIS Network has been leading a call-to-action by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), on the promotion of social and solidarity economy (SSE) through a community of peers, for internationalisation of both policies and practices. The SILK (SSE International Learning & Knowledge) Peer Learning Consortium represents SSE practitioners from EU Countries, USA, Canada, South Korea, Brazil, Mexico, and India. The main objective of this consortiums to develop internationalisation of SSE organisations and facilitate a more resilient SSE ecosystem.

A series of peer learning sessions had been organsied, where the representatives of each organisation shared their case study of the SSE organisation in their country. In this series the case studies by Equal Exchange, Canada and Development Alternatives, India were presented on 31 August 2021.

Kanika Verma from Development Alternatives participated in this discussion and shared a case study on the Internationalisation of SSE practices of Development Alternatives, particularly the technology and knowledge transfer for collaborative action. It put forth the best practices and learnings based on the unique model of DA, that has internationalised by building the knowledge products, prototyping cost effective and sustainable technologies, and leveraging partnerships and networks for transference to create impact at scale.

The session was closed with the two breakout sessions on the transferability and adaptation through co-investment models, relationship building and strong governance structures. It was observed that the transparent organisational structures and well defined principles help in combating the complexity of SSE organisations operating in the international arena.

