

Infographic 2. How to use this guide?

How can this guide help policy makers?

This guide equips policy makers to determine **if, when and why to design legal frameworks, the core steps to follow and how to successfully implement and evaluate them.**

The objective of this guide is **not to push for legislation** but rather to support those that would consider legal frameworks as an appropriate lever to develop conducive social and solidarity economy ecosystems.

Policy makers can:

Assess the need and relevance for legal frameworks (SCOPING PHASE)

When and why are legal frameworks necessary?
How to define and demarcate the SSE from other practices? Who should be involved?

Evaluate the performance of laws (EVALUATION PHASE)

How are legal frameworks developed and enforced? Did they reach their objectives? What are their potential implications? Do they need to be updated or revised?

Select relevant legal options and involve stakeholders (DEVELOPMENT PHASE)

What are the legal options available and how can policy makers distinguish between them? How to use other policy tools? How to make sure that stakeholders have their say?

Foster international peer exchange (INTERNATIONAL PEER EXCHANGE PHASE)

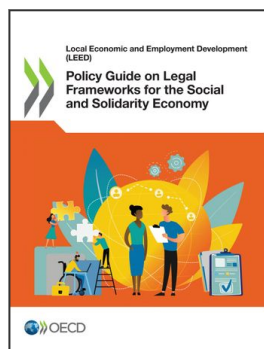
How and what can countries, regions and cities learn from each other's successes and overcome pitfalls?



What is the social and solidarity economy?

The social and solidarity economy is made up of a set of organisations such as associations, non-profit organisations, cooperatives, mutual organisations, foundations, and, more recently, social enterprises. In some cases, community-based, grassroots and spontaneous initiatives are part of the social economy. The activity of these entities is typically driven by societal objectives, values of solidarity, the primacy of people over capital and, in most cases, by democratic and participative governance. See more: OECD Recommendation on the Social and Solidarity Economy and Social Innovation.





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