



## Call for Papers

Maastricht Observatory for Responsible, Resilient and Sustainable Societies, Economies and Enterprises  
5th Annual Conference 2025

### **Track: Social entrepreneurship and the economy of the Common Good**

Maastricht, the Netherlands, 22-23-24 October 2025

#### **Track Chairs:**

Prof.dr René Kemp and Dr. Christian Scholl

#### **Description of the track**

The wrongs of the for-profit economy, mired in exploitation, has sparked an interest in business models for doing good and alternative economic institutions such as collective ownership, local currencies, impact finance, green deals, inclusive governance and partnerships for multiple value creation.

In this track we invite empirical and theoretical research papers and work in progress on social and circular entrepreneurship, efforts to create a more inclusive and sustainable local and regional economy, the successes and non-successes thereof and the ways in which problems of collective action are navigated by businesses, citizen organisations, local government with the help of intermediaries and policies.

We also welcome research into imaginaries of different economies: a circular economy, purpose economy, the community economy, a regenerative bioeconomy and an inclusive economy. What role for government, civil society, markets and science do they see? How are they affected by changes in globalisation, trade wars and demands for localisation?

#### **Key topics and research questions of the track**

- The interaction between social (and sustainable) entrepreneurship and its environment
- The democratisation of energy infrastructure
- Public-Civic Partnerships (PCPs) and community wealth organisations

- Cooperative Housing and Cooperative forms of land tenure
- Platform co-ops and cooperativism
- Imaginaries of an alternative economy based on democracy, flourishing and doing good
- The plural sector and the hybrid sphere
- Societal innovation and (socio-economic) transformations
- Eco-social contracting and institutions for collective action

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The deadline for submissions is **17 August, 2025**.

All submissions **must use the submission procedure** on the webpage otherwise they will not be considered for review.

**Submit your paper writing to** [morse-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:morse-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

The registration for the MORSE conference 2025 will be open **until 21 September, 2025**.

Register **clicking on the green button** – when active - on the conference homepage, and in case of problems write to [morse-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:morse-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl)