

MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE FOURTH MEETING ON ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN (11th-12th of June 2009)

I- Background

The First Meeting on Ecological Economics in Spain took place in Ronda (Málaga) in the spring of 2006. In this meeting, two important conclusions were reached: (1) the need to create a network of Ecological Economists in Spain and, (2) to start with the development of a working group on teaching Ecological Economics. So, two future meetings were agreed: one on teaching EE, and the other on the need to further develop the Spanish network. Consequently, the second meeting was held in Carmona in March 2007, with the objective to discuss EE teaching.

The Third Meeting in EE was organized and took place in Madrid on March 11th-12th 2008, and was coordinated by CIP-Ecosocial, CSIC and ISTAS Annual Meeting.

The Fourth Meeting of the Network has been organized in Santiago de Compostela on June 11th-12th 2009 and has been coordinated by Santiago de Compostela University.

The actual situation of the Spanish Network of Ecological Economics has been discussed and the plans for this year as well as the Summer Course in September at the University Pablo de Olavide in Carmona.

II- Summary

The agenda of the meeting addressed the progress of the Spanish Network of Ecological Economics and its future prospects: second a new proposal for the organization of the Network has been raised

- a. Members- the Network consists of 128 registered members. Email and web serve as a means of information transmission and contact between them.

- b. Financing- the Network has been financed by the agreement with the General Directorate for Sustainability of the Andalusian Government during the year 2008; the agreement shall be renewed for the year 2009. Other sponsors are the Cip-Ecosocial and the Galicia Xunta. The summer course 2008 was financed, partly by CajaMar and the summer course 2009, will be financed partly by the City Council of Seville.
- c. Diptych and Logos- a diptych for information transmission is on the Web at the disposal for all members. Moreover, anyone who wants to use the logos of the Network can make use of them.
- d. Relationship with ESEE- has been established relationship with the European Society, participating in the Newsletter and collaborating in the financing of the prize that ESEE gives to the best work presented by students in the biannual meeting.
- e. Memory- the Network wrote a report on all activities during the year 2008.

After this presentation a joint reflection about the new proposal of organization for the Network, was held, It is planned to form working groups of operation for the three pillars of the Network - research, teaching, civil society- and working groups of organizational type: financing, web and general coordination.

The following agreements were taken: It was decided to introduce a self-financing mechanism of the Network by its members on a voluntary way, holding the meetings of the Network every two years. The next meeting will be held in Barcelona in 2011.

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