

CONVERGENCES WORKING GROUPS

Terms of reference 2017-2018

WHY SHOULD I ENROL?

The **Working Groups (WGs)** are permanent bodies dedicated to sharing experiences and knowledge and working together on different projects of Convergences.

With more than 200 organisations from the public, private and solidarity sectors as well as the academic world and the medias, the WGs mobilise to contribute to:

- the program and the outcomes of the Convergences and its partners' events, including the Convergences World Forum;
- the opinion columns, charters and other collaborative outcomes on the SDGs and the 3Zero that will be published in national and international medias and/or Convergences and its partners' websites;
- the definition of awareness-raising activities around the SDGs and the 3Zero.

Why should I take part to the WGs?

- to exchange with committed experts;
- to take position on key development themes by contributing to opinion columns and participating at Convergences' events.

Being an active members of the WGs (i.e. who participated, at least, to one of the WGs meetings) means:

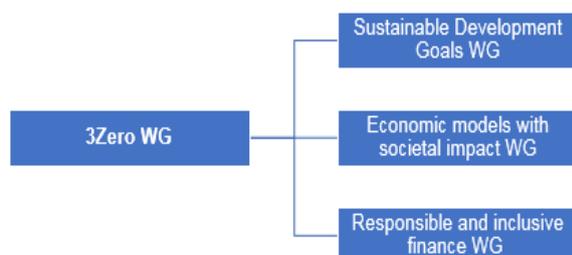
- having a free entrance to the Convergences World Forum
- having free entrances to the events co-organised by Convergence (subject to availability). Priority will be given to the most implicated members.

WHAT IS CONVERGENCES?

Launched in 2008, [Convergences](#) is a **unique platform in Europe for thought, mobilisation and advocacy around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** to build a "Zero exclusion, Zero carbon, Zero poverty" world. Convergences' mission is to mobilise reflection and action, to disseminate good practices and to promote the development of partnerships and innovative solutions.

Convergences relies on its Working Groups to build the programme of the Convergences World Forum, which gathers every year more than 5000 participants, to publish studies and publications; and to lead Convergences' projects around youth (The Youth We Can! Collective) and the tech for good (The Lab Laboo initiative).

WHICH WORKING GROUP SHOULD I JOIN?



Objectives:

- Writing opinion columns and other collaborative outcomes around the SDGs and the 3Zero;
- Programming and developing outcomes around Convergences' and its partners' events, such as the Convergences World Forum;
- Participating at networking activities around the SDGs and the 3Zero;
- Defining information and communication activities to raise awareness on the SDGs and the 3Zero;
- Participating to the communication around the Convergences World Forum and other events co-organised by Convergences all along the year.

**Sustainable Development
Goals WG**

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) approved in 2015 by the United Nations constitute a 2030 universal road map to promote a transition towards sustainable development. The members of the SDGs-WG will exchange about the means and innovative solutions to achieve the SDGs. They will be invited to suggest speakers or intervene during Convergences' events, to contribute to the outcomes of these events and to draft opinion columns on the SDGs.

**Economic models with
societal impact WG**

This WG will shed light on initiatives with high societal impact in France and abroad. The members of the EcoModels-WG will share their experiences and knowledge on how to promote economic models with positive impact, in areas such as social and solidarity economy, Corporate Social Responsibility, circular economy, climate change and other topics related to sustainable development. They will also take part in the programming and outcomes of Convergences' activities.

**Responsible and inclusive
finance WG**

This group will focus on the financing for sustainable development, and will bring together professionals from solidarity finance, microfinance, impact investing, philanthropy and climate finance in particular. It will be mobilised around the programming and outcomes of Convergences' activities related to a responsible and inclusive finance.

WHAT AM I SIGNING IN FOR?

The WGs members are mobilized from October/November 2017 until June 2018:

- **The WGs meetings:**

After a first general meeting gathering all WG-members, several meetings will be held according to the outcomes defined with all members. These meetings last about 2 hours and take place in different venues, provided by Convergences' stakeholders.

- **The Programming Seminar:**

A half-a-day Programming Seminar will be organised at the end of March. Bringing together members of all WGs, partners and external experts, the Seminar will aim to define the sessions, key issues and speakers of the World Forum.

- **Closing event of the WGs:**

This summer meeting will bring together members of the WGs, partners and external experts to exclusively present the World Forum's program and to exchange during a networking time.

You can also host our Working Groups!
Convergences wants to diversify the WGs' meeting venues in order to boost the meetings and shed light on our members' engagement.

If you want to host one of our WGs' meetings please do not hesitate to contact us!

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