



CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN SENIOR EXPERT SERVICES

FUTURE MEETS EXPERIENCE

About CESES



The **Confederation of European Senior Expert Services** is a non-profit organization that brings together its **20 members from different EU member states** to contribute to eradicating poverty by enhancing the technical, managerial and business capabilities of enterprises in Europe and beyond.

Founded in 2000, CESES is the most important European-wide grouping of experienced volunteers, encompassing the skills and expertise of over **20.000 senior experts**, covering all sectors of the economy.

CESES members each bring unique people, expertise and sector knowledge to the table, herewith combining resources and strengths of senior expert organizations, who for many years have successfully worked on advisory assignments worldwide.

CESES Member Organisations in Europe



Meanwhile @ work in different countries



Entrepreneurial



Professional



Results driven



Cooperative



Integrity



Equality

The WHY of CESES (members)

Share knowledge and technical know-how from entrepreneur to entrepreneur

CESES believes in the driving force of SMEs in boosting jobs and income

A practical approach in supporting entrepreneurs around the globe

Sweetspot position in the global Aid & Trade agenda

SMEs are the backbone of the economy

SMEs drive innovation (green and social entrepreneurship)

Contribute to the global SDGs (focus on 8)

Creating jobs and boosting access to finance

- Unique expertise: The experts available to participate in CESES projects represent practitioners in virtually every industry and profession (over 20.000+ experts on roster).
- Impact: CESES organizations contribute in a cost-efficient way to the achievement of the SDGs (economic value of volunteering).
- Track-record: CESES organizations have experience in several EU funding instruments. Ranging from AL-INVEST, SWITCH to Green, Horizon2020, Erasmus+ and of course the NSA-LA programme.
- Unique organization: EU coverage in members, and unique business model, CESES is the stand-alone professional volunteer service advisory instrument in Europe to focus on entrepreneurs in developing countries.

“Volunteers vital to success of new global development agenda”

United Nations Report

*“There are many [...], socially-minded people in Europe willing to make a meaningful contribution to society and help show solidarity. [...] I am convinced much **more solidarity** is needed. But I also know that solidarity must be given **voluntarily**”*

President Juncker

State of the Union speech 14 September 2016

Supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

We believe that innovative partnerships, which include with **volunteer organisations**, tailored at the capacities and needs of MSMEs can boost EU ambition in the creation of decent jobs, and fighting poverty sustainably.

We believe that the successful instrument of the **EU Aid Volunteers Initiative** can be replicated to serve a similar challenging agenda of promoting an economic transformation that creates decent jobs, increases productive capacity, and fostering sustainable value chains and diversification, including sustainable industrialization in EU partner countries.

CESES members bring unique people, expertise and sector knowledge to boost businesses, industries and regions. Thus, combining resources and strengths of senior expert organizations, peer-to-peer knowledge transfer that conveys the best of European values and ingenuity.

#EU TRADE Volunteers



We share, We grow

EU AID Volunteers



Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

WE CARE, WE ACT