

# EDUCATION AND SOLIDARITY NETWORK

## Activity Report 2017



## Important events of 2017

### JANUARY

**17-19 :** Participation in Development Cooperation meeting of Education International, Brussels, Belgium



### FEBRUARY

**27-3 :** Training-action week with 20 young "entrepreneurs of solidarity" within the RES Colombia project "Tú, Yo, Nosotros", Soacha, Colombia



### MARCH

**15 :** Launch of the ESN digital library about Solidarity-based Social Protection



### APRIL

**19-20 :** Presentation of FILGOOD to the Portuguese trade union federations FNE & FENPROF, Lisbon, Portugal



**24-5 :** First dematerialised ESN Board of Directors meeting via the Loomio collaborative platform

**12 :** Arrival of Cécile Martinez as project manager in ESN secretariat

### MAY

**3-5 :** Participation in Education International conference: United for Quality Education w/ meetings with Canadian, Ugandan and Nigerian ESN members, Rotterdam, The Netherlands





**19 :** Presentation of FILGOOD to MGEN members representing teachers from French Lycées abroad, Le Mans, France



**16 :** Meeting with the Social Protection Department of the International Labour Office to relaunch the partnership on the theme of education to social protection, Geneva, Switzerland

**23 :** Workshop about a project to foster the development of health cooperatives in Africa with Italian, Swiss and Canadian partners, Geneva, Switzerland

**31 :** Research Network Meeting (RESNET) of Education International, Brussels, Belgium



## JUNE

**1-2 :** Participation in the multidisciplinary International Symposium "Quality of life at school", organised by the Centre for Research in Education of Nantes (CREN), Nantes, France

**12-23 :** ESN Mission to Haïti with the French Network of Universities for Health Education (UNIRÉS) in the framework of the PROCEDH, realisation of a co-construction seminar with the CESCPS, field visits and participation in the activities of the PROCEDH steering committee, Port-au-Prince, Haiti



**28-30 :** General Assembly of the Association Internationale de la Mutualité, Antwerp, Belgium



**30 :** General Assembly of the Education and Solidarity Network, Antwerp, Belgium



## JULY 2017

**11** : Participation in the MGEN Group General Assembly, Montpellier, France



**19** : Meeting with Wandera Farooq, National Youth Delegate at UNATU during the Skills Development Workshop for Young Militants for the SDGs of Education International, Brussels, Belgium



## AUGUST

**30** : Presentation meeting of the UNESCO Chair "Educations and Health" project, Paris, France

## SEPTEMBER

**5** : Meeting with the team of Essentiel and discussion about collaboration opportunities in Guinea, Senegal and Haiti on the themes of school health and social protection, Nantes, France



**13-15** : Training of the ESN secretariat in collective intelligence techniques in, Paris, France



**18** : Facilitation of a collaborative European seminar around Filgood, Paris, France



**20** : Meeting with Cliff Southcombe of Social Enterprise UK, Paris, France

**27-29** : Training of the ESN Secretariat in the "Photovoice" participatory photography project management and facilitation method, London, United Kingdom



## OCTOBER

**2-4 :** Participation in an international conference on well-being in education, meeting with the Centre de Recherche et de Développement Pédagogiques (CRDP) of Lebanon, Paris, France

**4 :** Participation in an international conference on health financing in developing countries, meeting with Valéry Ridde, director of research at CEPED, Marseilles, France

**4 :** Participation in World Teachers' Day via the realisation of a mini campaign on social networks about the links between education and health, in collaboration with French illustrator, Jack Koch



**14 :** Participation in an open forum on the theme "(Re) launch mutuality in 2018" with MGEN and MGEN China



**20 :** Meeting of the ESN executive board and Seminar on the Burkina project with Solidaris and OGBL, Brussels, Belgium



**23-34 :** Promotion of Filgood at ENASP meetings, meetings with SVLFG, CCMSA and Northern Ireland Occupational Health Agency, Berlin, Germany

**23 :** Hosting of a delegation of the Mutual of Railwaymen of Morocco, Paris, France

**31 :** Participation in the commemoration of the Twentieth Anniversary of UNESCO Recommendations for Higher Education Educational Personnel, Paris, France

## NOVEMBER

**7-8 :** Welcoming a delegation of CEMEA Haiti and working meeting with UNIRèS on projects for the Port-au-Prince health education committee, Paris France



**21:** Welcoming a delegation of African mutualists in an MGEN Local and treatment centre, Paris, France



**15 - 17:** Participation in the AIM Extraordinary General Assembly, Rome, Italy



**18:** Presentation of FILGOOD at the International Eco-Schools Seminar, Paris, France



## DECEMBER

**4-6:** Participation in the Development Cooperation meeting of Education International, Brussels, Belgium



**11:** Participation in AIM Prevention Working Group Meeting and International Conference on Immunisation, Brussels, Belgium

**12:** Participation in Universal Health Coverage Day with the campaign "Education workers mobilise for health for all"



**12:** International seminar about FILGOOD Erasmus + project, Brussels, Belgium



# PROJECTS

## PRIORITY 1

### PROMOTING HEALTH AT SCHOOL AND THE WELL-BEING OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES

#### Towards a European FILGOOD

The year 2017 was an opportunity to actively promote FILGOOD internationally and on many occasions. FILGOOD was presented to the unions of Portugal at a meeting with MGEN Portugal, to teachers of French high schools from Morocco, Tunisia, French Polynesia, Haiti, and Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, to ESN members during the general assembly in Antwerp, to agricultural social protection funds in Berlin at a European summit and at the international Eco-School seminar in Paris which brought together about 70 representatives from all continents.

In order to achieve and accelerate the adaptation of FILGOOD internationally, ESN has made the proposal to apply for a European program. Formed in 2016, this initiative made a quantum leap in 2017 with the establishment of a consortium of European partners and the collective decision to apply for funding under the Erasmus + program in March 2018. RES conducted two international seminars (September and December 2017) to begin drafting the application form. The partners identified and approached by ESN are Latitude Jeunes and Solidaris (Belgium), Landkreis Kassel and University of Lüneburg (Germany), MGEN, ADOSEN and the University of Lyon 1 (France). Other potential partners such as Romania, Italy and Bulgaria have also been considered.

An application for the Erasmus + program will be submitted in March 2018. If accepted, the project will last two years and will see the implementation of FILGOOD in several European countries with the production of educational content to support educational communities in their efforts to promote health and well-being at school.

#### Haïti PROCEDH – School Health

As part of the collective program for the development of education and social dialogue in Haiti (PROCEDH), the ESN participated in the involvement of the educational community of Port-au-Prince in school health issues.

In April, ESN analysed data from a survey launched in 2016 at the Fritz Pierre Louis High School in Port-au-Prince on the use and perceptions of sanitation by students. The data were processed by ESN and then compiled into a report that demonstrated the need for health and hygiene awareness campaigns.

En ESN mission was organised in such a way last June with the participation of Annie CHARRON from UNIRÉS (the French network of universities for health education). The main objectives of the mission were to support members of the Port-au-Prince educational community to launch steering committees for health, citizenship and social protection education (CESCPS) in 6 participating institutions. (2 high schools and 4 municipal schools) and participate in field missions to the other educational communities of the program as well as to the activities of the French-Haitian steering committee of the PROCEDH.

On 15 and 16 June, RES and UNIRÉS hosted two days of co-construction seminars with members of CESCPS. In total, about fifty people attended this seminar. The program included: a Photoformation (tool from the Profédus Workbook) relating to the concept of health, a reflection on the concept of health promotion, group work on overcoming obstacles and actions for the implementation of CESCPS in Haiti, etc. The days should also enable the participants to identify priority thematic areas from which health awareness and education would be organised at the start of the 2017 school year.

At the end of 2017, the sanitary blocks of the Lycée Fritz-Pierre-Louis were renovated in accordance



with the PROCEDH's intention and with the support of the government.

In November 2017, a delegation of CEMEA-Haiti, an association member of the educational community of Port-au-Prince, were welcomed by ESN in Paris. A working meeting was organised to follow up the awareness-raising activities carried out by the CESCPS and to work on a second version of the survey of students and school staff. These surveys, once checked over, can be carried out during 2018. We wish to highlight the important contribution of Annie Charron from UNIRÉS.

### Collaboration with international networks for health promotion at school

In 2017, ESN made many links with health promotion participants at school:

**UNIRÉS:** UNIRÉS is a national association dedicated to the development of training and research in health education. UNIRÉS is composed of a network of about sixty collaborators: trainers, teacher-researchers and academic staff.

**UNESCO Chair:** ESN was contacted to participate in the creation of a UNESCO Chair - UNITWIN program entitled "Education and Health". The launch of the Chair is scheduled for September 2018.

**SHE Network:** following the commitments made in September 2016 at the Verrière seminar, the ESN has intensified its relations with the SHE Network and particularly with the organisation of a university seminar on health inequalities. Due to financial difficulties from SHE, this event could not take place. The discussions between the ESN and SHE are ongoing.

### Expanding the network of contacts with universities

Several contacts with universities have been expanded while others have been initiated in 2017: Hanoi National University of Vietnam, Lebanese

University, National University of Mexico, Ouattara University of Ivory Coast, CNRS in France, Autonomous University of Barcelona. These contacts explore avenues for research / action projects and increase the ESN pool of expertise.

### Preparation for the study trip to Scotland

The ESN has prepared, at the end of 2017, a study tour to Scotland which will take place from 28 to 30 January 2018. The purpose of this trip will be to have a better vision and a better understanding of the health promotion policy in Scotland. This trip is organised in collaboration with NASUWT, Education Scotland and SHE Consultancy.

### Support for the CSFEF survey

The ESN was asked by the Francophone Trade Union Committee for Education and Training (CSFEF) to accompany it in the project of survey the occupational health of education professionals. For this purpose, a working group consisting of ESN, SNUipp-FSU (France), SGEB (Tunisia) and SEFB (Switzerland) has been set up. Several working meetings were organised to develop a questionnaire that will be integrated into the next edition of the CSFEF Panorama. On the proposal of the ESN, this questionnaire will be supplemented by a series of qualitative interviews conducted with several education professionals in the CSFEF member countries to obtain qualitative data relating to experience and perceived health. The questionnaire and interviews will take place in 2018. The results will be presented at the biennial meeting of the CSFEF, which will take place in Paris in October 2018.

### Article on school support staff

Following the EI conference in Rotterdam, the ESN set up a working group composed of a French researcher and members of the Centrale des Syndicats du Québec to address the issue of the well-being of school support staff. The first task on



this subject is to write an article with a cross-French-Canadian look. A publication is planned for 2018 as part of the EI School Support Staff Conference.

### Participation in World Teachers' Day

The Education and Solidarity Network participated in the World Teachers' Day on 5 October 2017, organising a mini communication campaign on social networks. Seen by more than 15,000 internet users, two cartoons commissioned by ESN and directed by former teacher, Jack Koch, highlighted the importance of the health and well-being of education professionals on the quality of student learning.

## PRIORITY 2

### DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALIST MOVEMENT FOR QUALITY AND UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION

#### Burkina Faso - Creation of the Healthcare mutual for education workers

After the field mission in November 2016 in Burkina Faso, the project partners pledged to apply for funding from the Luxembourg Cooperation in January 2017. The application was not submitted because the application form was too weak.

The ESN has decided to maintain its participation in the project by trying to revitalise the consortium of partners and work to formulate a request for complete and credible financing in 2018 to launch the creation of the mutual. In October 2017, the ESN, Solidaris and OBGL Solidarité Syndicale, gathered in Brussels to affirm their re-commitment to the project and the desire to see it realised in 2018.

#### Colombia - Raising awareness of the social and solidarity economy, social protection and the mutualist model

The first week of training for the RES COLOMBIA project was held in Soacha in a municipality near

Bogota, from 27 February to 3 March, with the support of the Fundacion Suenos de Vida and Corporación Buena Tierra.

Over the 4 days, 20 young entrepreneurs had the opportunity to deepen and realise their social entrepreneurship project, to have discussions with other entrepreneurs and to experiment with innovative training tools.

In partnership with Guy Lévêque of the Alliance for responsible and sustainable societies, the ESN proposed a week of training / action using techniques of collective intelligence.

The participants worked on the consolidation of their projects: a sewing school and the sale of clothing by and for women, art therapy, beauty salons for self-esteem, a football school and weight clubs to teach young people respect for themselves, others and discipline, pastry, inclusive sport for children with disabilities, a telecommunications centre to provide access to computers and the internet; and a local newspaper that is resolutely positive and optimistic towards showing the world a different image of Soacha.

The Soacha pilot program chose the name "Lazos y Botones", because laces and buttons create a link, bring people together, and keep everything together harmoniously...

The RES COLOMBIA project is led by a consortium of partners, bringing together mutuals in Colombia with the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Education, and internationally, WADA, AIM, ESN, and the Alliance for responsible and sustainable societies.

On 3 March 2017, a meeting at the premises of the Gestarsalud made it possible to review the pilot training week and make recommendations for the rest of the project.

Over the course of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> terms of 2017, the project has slowed down due to a change of staff in the ESN secretariat and in Colombian organisations. In September 2017, the RES re-launched regular Skype meetings to identify the next steps for 2018. On the validation of the

executive office of ESN and the Colombian partners, a resumption of activities is planned for the first quarter of 2018.

The ESN also received a new grant from *the Alliance for Responsibility and Sustainable Societies* to support the local and territorial development of the project.

### International Universal Health Coverage Day

ESN members joined forces on 12 December for the International Universal Health Coverage Day. More than ten testimonials from educational professionals in the USA, Madagascar, Gambia, DR Congo, France, Mexico City, Niger, Australia and Quebec were received, illustrated by a cartoonist and published on social networks.

This campaign entitled, "Teachers mobilise for Health for ALL" was aimed at highlighting the interdependency links between the health and education system and the role that education professionals can play in expanding health coverage. This effort was organised as part of a global campaign for UHC. On 12 December, more than 125 events were organised around the world to advance access to care for all.

### Project for health co-operatives

The ESN teamed up with a research team that carried out a documentary work on extending the activities of the social and solidarity organisations, and particularly the co-operatives, to the health and social services sector.

The project is funded by the International Labour Organisation through its Co-operatives Unit, the Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation, NorWest Co-op Community Health (Winnipeg, Canada) and Federazione Sanità (Confcooperative, Italy). The ESN brings in a mutualist and syndicalist vision during these works, which should serve as a basis for an accompaniment project for Kenyan and Cameroonian co-operatives.

### Welcoming foreign delegations and discussions of good practices

The ESN welcomed several delegations in 2017 with the aim of discussing good practices and presenting its members' initiatives:

**September 2017:** Welcoming Cliff Southcombe of Social Enterprise Europe

**October 2017:** Delegation of railway workers mutual of Morocco who visited the MGEN dental centre in Paris.

**November 2017:** Welcoming Martin Gomez, CIESS consultant and professor of the Autonomous University of Mexico.

**November 2017:** ESN and MGEN welcomed a delegation of 9 African mutualists. Representatives from Senegal, Benin, Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Niger made the trip for an immersive experience about the French mutualist movement. On the program, there was a visit by the MGEN Yvelines departmental section and a visit by a processing centre for applications and members' refunds.

**November 2017:** Charles Dembélé, Vice President, and Emile Bouatahi SOMMA, Director General of the MAADO (Mutual of Agents of the Customs Administration)

**November 2017:** A delegation of CEMEA-Haiti visited Paris in early November. Aubens Fermine, Boby Bapstiste and Sadrac Beausejour were thus able to take part in the French-Haitian PROCEDH (Collective Programme for Development and Dialogue in Haiti) steering committee on 7 November, during which the evaluation results of the programme's second phase was re-established.

### **PRIORITY 3 INVOLVING THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS IN ISSUES OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOLIDARITY**

#### **Connecting young education unionists**

According to its DNA, the ESN actively creates links between its members. Three young trade unionists from Quebec, France and Uganda were contacted to discuss practices in their respective unions.

#### **Participation in the EI workshop for young trade unionists**

In response to an invitation from Education International, 50 young trade unionists from around the world gathered in Brussels to share their news and affirm their commitment to quality public education which is accessible to everyone.

On the sidelines of this workshop, the ESN met Wandera Farooque, the national youth representative of the Ugandan union, UNATU. The opportunity to discuss the latest news from the ESN and UNATU as well as opportunities for collaboration regarding the health and well-being of the educational and youth involvement communities in Uganda. In December 2016, the ESN was invited to participate in the national congress of UNATU gathering more than 650 delegates, thus contributing to strengthen the bonds of solidarity and friendship between our two organisations.

#### **AIM General Meeting on young people in mutuals**

The ESN took part in a workshop on youth in mutualism, organised by the AIM on the sidelines of its General Assembly. Sylvie Ouedraogo from Burkina Faso was recommended by the ESN to report on the involvement of young mutualists in her country. President Savignac also intervened on initiatives promoted by French mutuals to attract more young people and make them participate in the governance of mutuals.

#### **Participation in the Health and Solidarity festival organised by Essentiel**

The association, Essentiel, held its first Health Documentary Film Festival last November in Nantes. The films, workshops, debates and other activities organised throughout the day allowed festival-goers to have fun while discussing and reflecting on several aspects of health: technological innovation, social innovation and solidarity. The ESN will join Essentiel in organising the 2018 edition of the same festival.

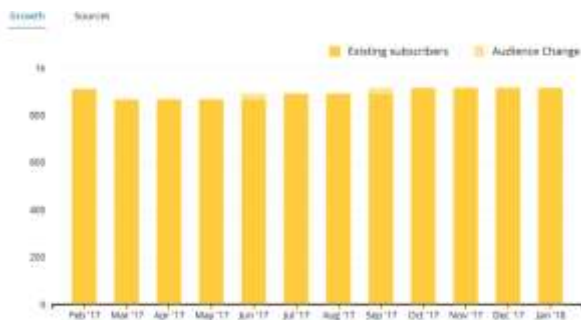


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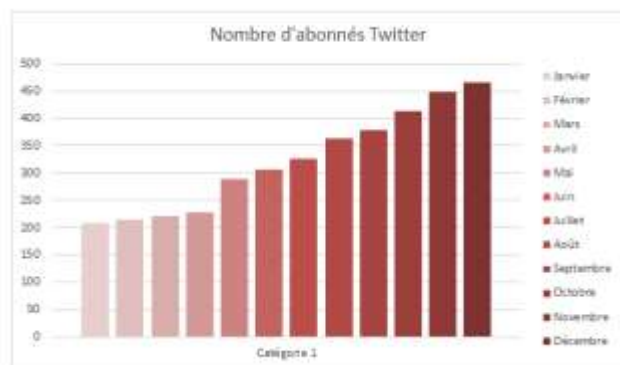
## Communication

The communication efforts launched in 2016 were carried on in 2017 to increase the visibility of our network, its members and its activities within and outside the ESN.

Newsletter - The secretariat put together and sent out 4 newsletters in French, English and Spanish to about 800 recipients. The opening rate of the newsletters sent by the RES is about 28% or 6 points more than the average newsletters in the non-profit sector.



Social Networks - In 2017, 263 tweets were published by the RES on Twitter on the topics of health, school health, social protection, education, mutuality and international solidarity. These 263 tweets were viewed 177,644 times and the ESN tweet profile was visited 4,882 times. In the same period it attracted 264 new followers.



Website - Several changes have been made to the ESN website, including the deletion of unused

plug-ins and the addition of new features such as the possibility to subscribe to the newsletter and links to social networks. The site has been filled to the brim with articles, updates and events.

## Toolbox

### Launch of the digital library of solidarity-based social protection

In February, the Education and Solidarity Network launched a digital library compiling education modules, training, communication and advocacy tools, designs, articles, reports and reference texts about solidarity-based social protection and mutuality.

This library aims to compile rich yet fragmented documentation on the subject and to make it more easily accessible and usable for everyone. This will also provide a document inventory and, if necessary, enable the launch of initiatives for existing tools or co-writing new tools. The library has 122 publications and registered 4,300 page views in 2017.

## Collaborative workshops

### Photovoice

The ESN secretariat followed in September 2017 a training for the use of participatory photography. This approach, called "Photovoice" involves vulnerable communities and increases their skills through the medium of photography. Used as an advocacy tool and as a participatory workshop facilitation technique, Photovoice gives participants the opportunity to share points of view and depictions of a problematic experience. The themes of access to care, solidarity, governance, youth involvement, gender and commitment are perfectly suited to a participatory photography approach. In fact, the projects carried by the members and partners of the ESN provide fertile ground for the experimentation of this method.

### Co-construction seminar with CESCPS in Haiti

In June 2017, the ESN organised and facilitated two one-day collaborative workshops for members of Education to Health, Citizenship and Social Protection Committees in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Several collaborative tools were used by Cécile and Annie Charron of UNIRÈS to get participants to reflect and express themselves on school health issues. The proposed format was very popular with the participants

### Training in Collective Intelligence Practices

To complete its training in animation techniques, in September and October 2017 the ESN secretariat took up training in collective intelligence. The opportunity to address the founding concepts of facilitation in collective intelligence and acquire essential tools such as: Sociocracy, Elections without candidates, Futurisation as well as Worldcafé. These techniques will be reused for organising and running workshops for ESN members.

### "Reinventing Mutuality" Open Forum

Last 14 October, the ESN took part in a working day on the Open Forum methodology, organised by Thierry Weishaupt (MGEN China) and Danaë Desplanques, on the theme of "(Re)launching mutuality in 2018?". This day brought to light a number of topics such as: General Interest, Market, Healthy Commons, Solidarity, Equality and Motivation for Participation, Youth and Co-operatives, etc.

Several courses of action were also discussed (online forums, workshops debates in schools, establishing an international fund etc.) and should be explored more concretely in the coming months. In addition, we will highlight the presence of Rui Ren and Rui Xu, members of the MGEN China team, who were on an project in Paris at the end of October and with whom we had the pleasure of working.

### Collaborative workshops relating to FILGOOD

In September, the ESN organised a collaborative workshop with Latitudes Jeunes, ADOSEN and MGEN to reinvigorate FILGOOD's internationalisation project. Thanks to a technique of parallel reflection and the principles of collective intelligence, the group has produced about fifty reasons for the creation of a European consortium in relation to FILGOOD. At the end of this trial, the partners had expressed their interest in continuing the collaboration and deploying it on a larger scale.

### Action Research

An update of the context note and a Spanish translation of it have been completed. At the strategic level, significant efforts have been made to continue structuring the approach through the gradual construction of a network of researchers specialising in ESN themes. Numerous contacts have been established at national and international scientific gatherings (symposia, seminars, working day, etc.) and during the various field projects carried out during the year. This made it possible to improve the visibility of the ESN to the international scientific community and to realise collaborations in Haiti and in Europe in particular.

The ESN must continue to reflect and engage in the creation of new spaces for dialogue, facilitated by collective intelligence, so that civil society organisations and researchers can jointly address health and education challenges.

# ORGANISATION

## Governance

The ESN organised its first dematerialised board of directors in April 2017. The meeting took place via an online collaborative platform called Loomio that was recommended to us by Social Enterprise Europe.

Loomio allowed BoD members access to a protected area for 2 weeks to present their news, gain access to documents, comment on them and finally vote. Nine Board members actively participated.

Feedback on this experience has been positive. This allowed everyone to participate without agenda or time zone constraints. It will be proposed in 2018 to continue with this formula by organising each year a dematerialised BoD and a face-to-face BoD that can be backed at the General Assembly meeting.

Regarding the strategic committee, the General Assembly adopted a note with the guiding principles for a future working group and consultation to be launched in 2018 in order to address several issues including the economic model of the ESN, how the governance bodies function and the choice and evaluation of projects.

## Memberships

In 2017, the following members joined the Education and Solidarity Network:

- Fundación *SINADEP*, Mexico, as an associate member
- Teachers' Union of Rwanda, as an active member

We received application which will be presented in 2018 to the Board of Directors:

- CMIM, Morocco, as an associate member
- CTIMA, Cameroon, as an active member

- Cristian SUAU, founder of Studio Pop, as an individual member

## Partnerships

### Francophone Trade Union Committee for Education and Training

The ESN has initiated a close collaboration with the CSFEF for a draft questionnaire on the occupational health of education professionals. The survey will be launched in 2018 in CSFEF member countries and supplemented by a series of qualitative interviews.

### Support Program for Healthcare Mutuals (PASS)

The ESN continued its collaboration with the PASS through meetings, contacts and hosting a delegation of mutualists from West Africa.

### ASMADE (Songui Association Manégré / Endogenous Development Assistance)

We have strengthened our relations with ASMADE both on the mutual project in Burkina Faso and on other themes (training centre, school health...). A partnership agreement may be signed in 2018.

## Human resources

The year 2017 saw the departure of Danaë Desplanques in March. Romain Chave took over the position of general delegate and was joined by Cécile Martinez as project manager. Having graduated from the University Claude Bernard Lyon 1 with a Master's degree in public health and education, specialising in children, teenagers and young adults, she completed a 5-month internship within the ESN in 2016.

Having specialised in health education and promotion issues in schools, Cécile also has a rich experience in the field, having worked as a school support and project manager in schools and universities in France.



## Finance

For the financial year, operating revenue amounted to € 119,490.00. Total operating expenses amounted to € 74,919.92. Operating profit amounts to € 44,570.08.

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