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## Relevant Social and Economic Impact of Lifesaving Social Economy Organizations worldwide

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Since the 18th century, several lifesaving organisations were established to assist those in need of rescue and revival and soon after started working together, to learn from each other, sharing techniques and experiences, although in an informal manner. A need for an international forum to exchange ideas and experiences was soon recognised. This led initially to the establishment of the "Fédération Internationale de Sauvetage Aquatique" and later to the formation of World Life Saving, which merged in 1993 into the International Lifesaving Federation.

The International Lifesaving Federation, along with other international organizations, differentiates and directs strategies and represents organizations with local to international interventions to save lives in emergency situations in various aquatic environments.

Social Economy Organizations, due to their nature and principles, are the most common type of organizations in this field of work and knowledge.

Because these organizations are focused on drowning prevention and the preservation of human life, they hold a significant social and economic impact that will be discussed during the presentation.

We will also:

- Present an inventory all organizations that position themselves in the large and diverse universe of Social Economy Organizations;
- Provide a balance on the Social Economy Organizations operational advantages in Drowning Prevention, Rescue and Treatment;
- Review the state-of-the-art of this issue at an international level, increasing internship opportunities for young people in the Lifesaving Social Economy Organizations;
- Structure organizational research projects preserving the identity of the Lifesaving Social Economy Organizations;
- Create incubation-promoting groups for social inclusion initiatives and intra-cooperative work, to act in the operational areas of quality systems.

This preliminary study aims to promote the participation of Lifesaving Social Economy Organizations, enhance the future dissemination of their work and promote their recognition, as well as facilitate access to financing solutions and support for their sustainable development, within a broader universe of entities focused on people and their happiness.