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# What community is from SSE perspective (and what is not)?

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...a transformative economy that

- ❖ fights exclusion and injustice
- ❖ takes root precisely where inequalities are growing
- ❖ has at its centre the care of people and the planet

**and  
begin**

- ❖ from the places of life and work
- ❖ from the bonds of proximity
- ❖ from the needs for material and immaterial goods

...an economy aimed to

# Common good



The “living-well”  
of each  
and everyone





# COM..MUNITY

comes from latin



- **Cum-munus** – with/through a gift
- "The munus that the communitas shares is not a property or a belonging. It is not a having, but, on the contrary, a debt, a pledge, a gift-to-give." (Ref. Esposito R. «Communitas – Origine e destino della comunità», Einaudi 2006)
- The meaning of community is in **the reciprocity of the gift**, it is the obligation to reciprocate that creates bonding (Ref. Marcel Mauss)
- The concept of community does not reward individualism but enhances subjectivities by widening the gaze towards the common good → reciprocity or mutuality of giving that delivers each other **into a common commitment**

Open questions...



What makes  
a group of people  
a community?



What sense can it make, in this  
historical phase, to set  
ourselves the objective of  
(re)generating communities?



Is it enough to share  
a commons to create  
community?



Being outside and inside a  
community ... what does it mean?