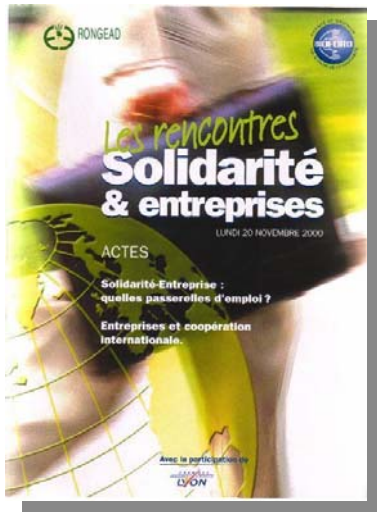


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Representatives of Non Governmental Organisations and private investors often meet in developing countries and countries in state of crisis, in Vietnam, in Bosnia or even today in Angola.

But although they organise similar activities, they rarely manage to come to a common agreement.

This is also the case in France, where are few interlinks or partnerships for actions that take place at the same time. In order to contribute to a better mutual understanding and to make better known the interests of the main two sectors, RONGEAD, BIOFORCE and the Lyonnaise Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised the first solidarity and business meeting on Monday, 20 November 2002, in the head offices of the Rhone Alps region.

This report lays out the issues that lead the discussions of the meeting. It is intended as a platform for gathering and discussion, for debate and making of proposals for professionals from the organisations of civil society and the economic world.

Two issues have been taken up this year during the workshops in which NGO representatives, entrepreneurs, international institutions and the French Ministry participated :

Regarding businesses and international cooperation, the question asked was :
Is it possible to reconcile ethics and development?

This question might seem surprising, but in past experience international cooperation has proved to be one of the vital ingredients in dealings with developing countries.

And concerning businesses and solidarity the question is : which employment interlinks are there?

There are many that still fail to be fully recognised from both sides.

With the will to overcome simple prejudices this meeting aimed to bringing common interests together in matters relating to human resources.

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