

## The factories recovered by workers in Argentina

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In August 2012, the web page of the IDEASS Programme published a strategic innovation for human development: the Factories Recovered by Workers in Argentina.

Since the year 2000 the workers in Argentina decided to not leave the factories closed for bankruptcy or because abandoned by their owners, organizing themselves in Cooperatives to retrieve the production. Today 20.000 employees manage more than 300 recovered factories throughout the country, and they are organized into the National Movement of the Recovered Factories (N.M.R.F.).

In 2011, thanks to these impacting results of the Movement, the Government of Argentina approved the Reform of the Bankruptcy Law. This Reform facilitates the revitalisation processes of the factories undertaken by the workers and opens the space to large-scale application.

The experience of Argentina generated a wide international interest. In the wake of the crisis affecting the economies of many countries, both industrialised and least developed, this new model of response of the workers to the closure of the factories for bankruptcy or after the owners' abandonment represents an innovative and replicable way of action. Actors and people from more than eleven countries have been visiting the factories of the Movement, expressing their interest in promoting this innovative process within their national contexts.

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