



International conference on Social Economy under the auspices of the Slovak Presidency of the EU Council

Conference theme: **Social Economy as a key player in providing effective answers to current societal challenges in the EU and the world.**

Date: **30th November – 1st December 2016**

Place: Hotel Saffron, Radlinského 27, Bratislava, Slovakia

Wednesday, 30th November 2016

10:00 – 11:30 Arrival and registration of participants

11:30 – 12:30 **Official Opening**

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Moderator: **Branislav Ondruš**, *State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia*

Key speakers:

- **Robert Fico**, *Prime Minister, Slovakia*
- **Ján Richter**, *Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia*
- **Elżbieta Bieńkowska**, *European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs*
- **Jens Nilsson**, *Member of the European Parliament, Social Economy Intergroup*
- **George Dassis**, *EESC President*
- **Fatima Báñez**, *Minister for Employment and Social Security of Spain*

12:30 – 13:30 **GECES Report: Presentation and Debate**

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Moderator: Ariane Rodert, *Vice President of EESC Various Interest Group, Vice President of EESC INT section.*

- Presentation, Denis Stokkink, *President of European Think-and-do Tank Pour la Solidarité, General Rapporteur of GECES.*
- Commission response

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Round Table 1: *The social economy sector as a driver for the development of regional employment*

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Moderator: Dorotea Daniele, *DIESIS, GECES, Social Economy Thematic Network Expert*

Speakers:

- Anton Marcinčin, *Government Plenipotentiary for the Least Developed Districts, Slovakia*
- Josep Vidal Fàbrega, *General Director of Social Economy, Third Sector, Cooperatives and Self-employment of the Regional Government of Catalonia.*
- Antonella Noya, *OECD LEED Programme*
- Veselin Penchev, *Head of Public affairs for the Eurasia region, Up Group/Group Cheque Dejeuner*
- Felice Scalvini, *REVES President*

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 18:00 Parallel workshops

Workshop 1

**Growth and sustainability of social enterprises (SE Thematic Network):
Part I Concrete tools for growth**

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Chair: Dorotea Daniele

Panelists:

- Sven Bartilsson, *Cooperation: Social franchising*
- Representative, *Polish Ministry of Development: ESF Polish Programme for development of social enterprises*
- *Slovak representative*
- Thierry Stroppa, *Cooperjob, Italy*

Workshop 2 **Start-up of social enterprises – factors and tools to create sustainable social enterprises**

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Chair: Hugues Sibille, *President, du Labo de l'ESS, GECES,*

Panelists:

- Johann Heep, *ERSTE Foundation, Austria*
- Katia De Luca, *Coopstartup, Italy*
- Anna HORVÁTH Portfolio Director, Visegrád Hub, *NESST, Hungary*
- Branislav Šmidt, *Impact Hub Bratislava, Slovakia*

Workshop 3 **The external dimension of Social Economy**

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Chair: Jean – Philippe Poulnot, *Responsible of Political Partnerships of the Up Group and Member of the Co-Secretary of the ILGESS*

Panelists:

- Michael J. Roy, *Glasgow Caledonian University*
- Michel Catinat, *Head of Unit DG GROWTH F2, European Commission*
- Sandra Aviles, *UNTFSSSE Coordinator*
- Helen Sheppard, *Deputy Secretary General, AMICE*

19:30

Dinner for participants – Hotel Saffron, Radlinského 27, Bratislava

Thursday, 1st December 2016

09:00 – 09:05 **Introducing the Commissioner**

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Branislav Ondruš, *State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia*

09:05 – 09:15 **Greetings from the Commissioner**

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Marianne Thyssen, *European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility*

9:15 – 11:00 **Round table 2: Social economy and the national legal frameworks**

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Moderator: Denis Stokkink, *President of European Think-and-do Tank Pour la Solidarité*

Speakers:

- Giulia Galera, *Senior Researcher, Euricse*
- Martine Pinville, *State Secretary of Social and Solidarity Economy, Ministry of Economy, France*
- Tadej Slapnik, *State Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, Slovenia; GECES*
- Juan Antonio Pedreño, *President, Social Economy Europe*
- Prof. Gabriela Korimová, *Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Parallel workshops

Workshop 4

**Growth and sustainability of social enterprises (SE Thematic Network):
Part II Public procurement as a tool for growth of social enterprises**

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Chair: Valentina Caimi, *Social Platform; GECES*

- Elisabeth Diaz, representative of Trinirove and ENSIE, *Barcelona*
- Kristian Kirkegaard Kornum, *City of Copenhagen*
- Bruno Roelants, *CECOP*
- Elena Sivová, *Regional Development Agency Banska Bystrica, Slovakia*

Workshop 5

The role of Social Economy as a partner in policy ecosystems

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Chair: Rocio Nogales, *Director, EMES; GECES*

Panelists:

- Monika Zatkalikova, *Coop Product Slovakia*
- Yvonne Strachan, *Deputy Director of the Scottish Government in charge of Third Sector/Social Economy*
- Magdalena Huszcza, *Vice-Chair, FISE*
- Carmen Casero González, *General Director of Self-employment, Social Economy and CSR, Spain.*

Workshop 6

Financial tools

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Chair: Lisa Hehenberger, *ESADE; GECES*

Panelists:

- Andrea Maier, *European Commission, DG EMPL*
- Michal Polak, *Advisor at the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic; GECES*

- Michał Radziwiłł, *CEO of TISE, Chairman of the Executive Committee*
- Alexandra Meagher, *Government Inclusive Economy Unit, UK Government*

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:00 Ministerial Roundtable and Bratislava Declaration

Moderator: Branislav Ondruš, *State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia*

Greece, Minister

Czech Republic, Minister

Luxembourg, Minister

Spain, Minister

Cyprus, State Secretary

France, State Secretary

Slovenia, State Secretary

Slovakia, State Secretary

Italy, High Official