

## EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE WEEK

### CECOP conference - Social cooperatives in Europe and the social business initiative

24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – European Economic and Social Committee - 99 rue Belliard – 1040 Brussels – Room JDE 63

2.30 Welcoming address by Luca Jahier, President of Group III, European Economic and Social Committee

2.40 Heinz K. Becker, MEP, rapporteur for the social business initiative

2.50 Patrizia Toia, MEP, author of the initiative report on social economy

3.00 Video illustrating social cooperatives

3.05 Evolution of social cooperatives in Europe over the last 20 years and the link with the European Commission's Social Business Initiative by Bruno Roelants, CECOP Secretary General

3.15 1<sup>st</sup> part: testimonies from countries with a high degree of social cooperative development, coordinated and concluded by Jan Olsson, CECOP Vice-President

- Italy - Giuseppe Guerini, President of Federsolidarietà
- France - Alix Margado, in charge of the SCIC (Collective Interest Cooperative Societies), CGSCOP

3.45 Coffee break

4.00 2<sup>nd</sup> part: testimonies from countries with a high degree of social cooperative development

- Spain - Nieves Fernández Tagarro, President of social initiative cooperative Ilígora, President of Corporation Cooperative Seneca and vice President of the cooperative group El Yate
- Poland - Joanna Brzozowska, coordinator of the Krakow Regional Cooperative Development Centre, National Auditing Union of Worker's Cooperatives (NAUWC)
- Portugal - Carla Silva, project manager, FENACERCI

4.45 Grégoire Schöller, cabinet of Michel Barnier, EU Commissioner in charge of internal market and services

4.55 Jiří Plečičký, cabinet of László Andor, EU Commissioner in charge of employment, social affairs and inclusion

5.05 Massimo Baldinato, cabinet of Antonio Tajani, EU Commissioner in charge of industry and entrepreneurship, Vice-President of the European Commission

5.15 Concluding remarks: future trends and policy recommendations by Rossano Rimelli, CECOP President and Felice Scalvini (TBC), Cooperatives Europe co-President

Active interpretation will be provided in English, French and Italian