

# ***Social Economy for the future of the European Union***

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 14:00 to 17:30

European Economic and Social Committee/ European Committee of the Regions  
(JDE 62), Rue Belliard/ Belliardstraat 99-101

## **14:00 Welcome & opening remarks:**

- **Luca Jahier**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, President of the Committee of the Regions

## **An assessment of the 2014-2019 EU mandate and proposals for the future: *Social Economy going forward in Europe***

Presented and moderated by **Georgi Pirinski**, Vice-President of the SEIG (S&D, BG)

- **Marianne Thyssen**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility (tbc)
- **Marie-Christine Vergiat**, Co-President of the Social Economy Intergroup
- **Ariane Rodert**, EESC member, President of the section for the Single Market, Production and Consumption
- **Juan Antonio Pedreño**, President of Social Economy Europe (SEE)

## **15:00 Social Economy roundtable: *Social Economy, shaping the Future of Europe***

Presented and moderated by **Sofia Ribeiro**, Vice-President of the SEIG (EPP, PT)

- **Mutual movement representative**
- **Giuseppe Guerini**, President of CECOP-CICOPA Europe (European Confederation of Industrial and Services Cooperatives)
- **European Foundations Centre representative**
- **Patrizia Bussi**, Director of ENSIE (European of Social Integration Enterprises)
- **Włodzimierz Grudzinski**, Vice-President of FEBEA (European Federation of Ethical and Alternative Banks and Financiers)
- **Jan Olsson**, Co-President of REVES (European Network of Cities and Regions for Social Economy)

**15:30 Leaders roundtable *The future of Europe: the role of the social economy***

Presented and moderated by **Social Economy Europe representative**

- **High-level representative of the European People's Party (EPP)**
- **High-level representative of the Party of European Socialists (PES)**
- **Guy Verhofstad**, President of the Alliance of European Liberals and Democrats (ALDE) in the European Parliament (tbc)
- **Ska Keller and/or Bas Eickhout**, European Greens candidates for President of the European Commission (tbc)
- **Gabi Zimmer**, President of the European United Left/ Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL), European Parliamentary Group (tbc)

**16:45 A message to the future European Parliament from the Social Economy Intergroup**

Presented and moderated by **Marie-Christine Vergiat**, co-President of the SEIG (GUE/NGL, FR)

- **Ramón Luis Valcárcel**, Co-President of the SEIG (EPP, ES)
- **Elena Gentile**, Co-President of the SEIG (S&D, IT)
- **Sven Giegold**, Co-President of the SEIG (GREENS/EFA, DE)
- **Beatriz Becerra**, Co-President of the SEIG (ALDE, ES)

**17:20 Concluding remarks**

- **Alain Coheur**, Vice-President of SEE, Co-spokesperson of the EESC Social Economy Category and President of the EESC Study Group on social economy enterprises