



European Economic  
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# NEWSLETTER

## European ESC



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### Presentation

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Dear Sir, Madam,

The EESC will see 2013 come to an end. Keeping in mind the crisis that has involved and preoccupied all of us this year, I will be pleased to welcome Christine Lagarde at our December plenary. The IMF Managing Director will take the time, for the first time, to come and talk to representatives of civil society in Europe, on actions aimed at restoring confidence, growth and jobs and at answering our questions.

One more step towards a more transparent dialogue with Europeans.

Wishing you a New Year full of hope!

**Henri MALOSSE,**  
EESC President



### Main debates and opinions on the agenda of the Plenary Session of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013

On **Tuesday 10 December** at **2.30 p.m.**, **Mrs Christine LAGARDE**, Director-General of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), will participate in a debate about "Measures for renewed confidence, growth and jobs in Europe"

On **Wednesday 11 December 2013** at **10 a.m.** there will be a presentation of the European Citizens' Initiative "End Ecocide in Europe", with the participation of **Mrs Prisca MERZ**, Director of the ECI "End Ecocide in Europe".

#### → Main opinions

**ECO/342** Towards a Strategy to develop cohesion in the Mediterranean

Mr MALLIA (GRI-MT)

**ECO/343** Statistical tools for measuring volunteering

Mr PATER (GR-PL)

**CCMI/117** Action Plan for the European Steel Industry

Mr ROLIN (GR-BE)

**INT/711** Payment services

Mr FARRUGIA (GR-MT)

**INT/721** Social impact measurement

Ms RODERT (GR-SE)

**TEN/515** Accessibility as a human right

Mr VARDAKASTANIS (GR-GR)

To consult the draft agenda of the plenary session and related documents, click on: [Agenda of the plenary session](#)

## ☞ Main opinions adopted at the Plenary Session of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013

☞ You will find information concerning these opinions at: <http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.opinions-search>

### ➔ [Summary Plenary Sessions](#)

<b><u>ECO/350</u></b> Single Resolution Mechanism	Mr MAREELS (Gr. I-BE)
<b><u>CCMI/116</u></b> Strategy to strengthen Europe's defence sector	Mr VAN IERSEL (Gr. I-NL)
<b><u>SOC/494</u></b> The social dimension of the Economic and Monetary Union	Mr DASSIS (Gr. II-EL)
<b><u>TEN/531</u></b> Guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks	Mr LEMERCIER (Gr. II-FR)
<b><u>NAT/603</u></b> The international Climate Change Agreement	Mr ZBOŘIL (Gr. I-CZ)
<b><u>NAT/609</u></b> EU strategy on adaptation to climate change	Ms CAÑO AGUILAR (Gr. II-ES)
<b><u>REX/375</u></b> Illegal immigration by sea in the Euromed region	Mr GKOFAS (Gr. III-EL)
<b><u>REX/387</u></b> Sustainable change in transition societies (exploratory opinion requested by the Lithuanian presidency)	Mr GOBIŅŠ (Gr. III-LV)

## ☞ EVENTS AND LINKS

### Upcoming events

- [Participatory event on social entrepreneurship](#)

The **European Economic and Social Committee** and the **European Commission** are co-hosting a major participatory event on social entrepreneurship which will take place in **Strasbourg** on **16-17 January 2014**. As part of the event the EESC will facilitate a workshop on systemic change. This workshop will consider how social enterprises can contribute to such a change with a special emphasis on the role of civil society organisations.

### Ongoing

- **Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU:** <http://www.eu2013.lt/en>



## Past events

- [Annual meeting of Presidents and Secretaries-General of the ESCs of the EU and the EESC](#)

On **14-15 November** 2013 the **Presidents** and **Secretaries-General** of the **ESCs** of the EU and the **EESC** met to discuss the topics "Sharing experiences on social and civil dialogue at a time of national and European crisis" as well as "The challenges of youth unemployment: Activating policies (European and national) and society initiatives (as social entrepreneurship) for positive perspectives". The meeting was organised by the Greek ESC and took place in **Athens**.

- [Seminar "A 2030 framework for energy and climate policies: promoting civil society's involvement"](#)

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) organised, with the active participation of the European Commission's **DG Energy** and **DG Climate Action**, a seminar meant to present the results of the public consultation and maintain a high degree of awareness among and involvement of civil society. This event took place on **24 October** 2013 at the **EESC's** premises.

- [Green infrastructure: engaging regions, cities and civil society](#)

The joint conference of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) "Green infrastructure: engaging regions, cities and civil society" was held in the CoR/**EESC** main building on **4 November** 2013.

We welcome all your comments. Just e-mail us using this link: [suggestions](#).

**December 2013**

**"Interinstitutional relations, relations with national ESCs"**