



Social Enterprise: Make it happen !

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The role of Social Economy in Europe

- Social enterprise is a **key element** of the European social model. Closely linked to the **EU2020 strategy** and makes a significant contribution to society;
- **Resilience** to the crisis and figures on the rise;
- **Involvement of** EU policy-makers to support social enterprises of high importance: **added value** of a European strategy & policies.

The Social Business Initiative: key results and next steps

- As of the end of 2014, the 11 SBI's key actions have been **completed** by the European Commission but with different degrees of success of term of implementation;
- **Main priority** is to ensure implementation of actions, new policies and instruments at **national and local levels.**

Social enterprises policies in the EU: the political context.

- President Juncker, Commissioner Bieńkowska and the EC services received since the Rome IT Presidency conference and the "Rome strategy" **a lot of encouragements**, from the 3 IT-LV-LU ministers **to frame a follow up of the SBI**.
- **Priority of the LU Presidency** of the Council of the EU during the 2nd semester of 2015.
- Renewed **Social Economy Inter-Group** in the European Parliament.

Social enterprises policies in the EU: bottom up approach

- Renewal of the "private experts" of the **GECES** approved early June.
- **Internal reflection to possibly** launch a new cycle of discussion within 3 working groups.
- Adoption of a **bottom up approach** to work on **a new road map**;
- **7th meeting**: 16 September 2015;
- **8th meeting**: 24 November 2015.

Social enterprises/social economy in other EU policies

- Social economy proposed to be part of the **Internal Market Strategy** which will be adopted in October 2015;
- Commission will adopt a strategy end of 2015 on **Circular economy** (Importance of the social enterprises in the **recycling economy**). Public consultation opened until 18 August.

Working with other EU institutions

- **Helping** (including financially) the future LU Presidency to prepare and hold the **Conference on social enterprises** scheduled in December.
- Welcome the EESC work carried out under **the project on "social enterprise"**. The report released last October is an important document for the work of the Commission and the GECES.
- Continuation of our **productive and structured cooperation** with the EESC and the EP in the field.