

SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR

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Draft program

2pm – 3.30pm | How to define sustainable employment?

Cooperatives, being owned and controlled by owners-stakeholders from the community and being aimed at satisfying these stakeholders' common economic, social, cultural and/or environmental needs and aspirations promote sustainable employment in economically sustainable enterprises, and thence local development and social cohesion. According to us, sustainable employment should also be sought outside the cooperative system, both as a matter of wealth distribution, but also as a matter of wealth creation, because, based on the cooperative experience, long-term employment with job mobility and career prospects is highly conducive to the long-term economic viability of enterprises.

Cooperatives and sustainable employment – Bruno Roelants, General Secretary, CECOP

How to define sustainable employment? - Pervenche Berès, MEP, Chair Employment and Social Affairs Committee of the EP

How to integrate sustainable employment in European employment policies? - Xavier Prats Monné (*tbc*), European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Director of the Directorate Employment, Lisbon Strategy, International Affairs

Sustainable employment in the Trade-Unions perspective - Walter Cerfedda (*tbc*), Confederal Secretary of ETUC

Reactions of MEP from different political groups

Debate

Conclusions by Jan Olsson, Vice President of Coompanion, Sweden

3.30am – 4.30am | Sustainable employment for vulnerable groups

Around 9.000 of cooperatives from CECOP network are specialised in the provision of social services or in the reintegration, through work, of disadvantaged and marginalised workers (disabled, long-term unemployed, ex-prisoners, drug addicts etc), and are generally called social cooperatives. More than a job, they give the opportunity to those workers to be co-owners of the enterprise they work in, and thus, strengthen their autonomy and guarantee a better integration in the society.

Social cooperatives in the CECOP network – Diana Dovgan, Policy Officer, CECOP

Sustainable employment for vulnerable groups from stakeholder's point of view - Social Platform (*tbc*)

Debate

Conclusions by Bob Cannel, Cooperatives UK

***** 4.30pm – 4.45pm coffee break *****

4.45pm – 5.50pm | Employees as actors for creation of sustainable employment (transfer of enterprises to employees)

More than a thousand cooperatives in the CECOP network were born as business transfers to employees of conventional enterprises in crisis or without heirs. This amount is constantly increasing.

Employee buy-out experiences in EU policies – Diana Dovgan, Policy Officer, CECOP

(intervention to define) Jean-Francois Lebrun *(tbc)* – European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Head of the Unit Working Conditions, Adaptation to Change

Support structures and specific financial instruments for transfer of enterprises to employees – Patrick Lenancker, President of CGScop

Debate

Conclusions by Bruno Roelants, General Secretary, CECOP

5.50pm – 6pm | Final considerations