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**"Social entrepreneurship & social economy: Developing a European
ecosystem to unlock social innovation, growth and jobs"**
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CURRICULUM VITAE

Pervenche Berès has been an active Member of the European Parliament since 1994. She is the **Chairwoman of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs**. She is also a substitute member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and has been appointed **Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis**.

She was previously the **Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs** (2004-2009), the **Head of the French Socialist Delegation** and the Vice-President of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament (June 1997-June 2004).

From December 1999 to October 2000, she was the Vice-President of the European Parliament Delegation to the **Convention in charge of drafting the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union**. She was also a member of **the European Convention in charge of drafting a Constitution for Europe** from February 2002 to July 2003.

DRIVING FORWARD A NEW SOCIAL AGENDA

As **Chairwoman of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)**, Pervenche Berès is mainly working on employment policies and all aspects of social policy, working conditions, vocational training and the free movement of workers and pensioners.

The EMPL Committee works with the Council and the European Commission to produce the legislative framework in the areas for which it is responsible. During the current parliamentary term, the EMPL Committee is seeking to drive forward **a new Social Agenda** and to contribute to promoting **a more inclusive society**.

The importance of social enterprises in achieving these goals cannot be ignored. Therefore Pervenche Berès launched several initiatives, including a study on **the role of mutual societies in the 21st century**, which presents an overview of their specific features in the different EU Member States, analyses relevant EU law and looks at the performance of mutual undertakings in the financial and economic crisis. This study will be the starting point of **an initiative legislative report on the status of mutual societies** to be drafted in cooperation with the Committee on Legal Affairs.