

# *Microfinance in Europe*

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European Commission

13:00-13:50 Registration and welcome coffee

## Opening session

14:00-15:00 **Chair: Lenia Samuel** – Deputy Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

*Opening of the conference*

**Joëlle Milquet** – Belgian Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Employment and Equal Opportunities

*Micro-finance and entrepreneurship: their contribution to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth*

**László Andor** – Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Commissioner

*Developing synergies to make microfinance an effective tool for social and regional cohesion in the EU*

**Johannes Hahn** – Regional Policy Commissioner

*Statement by the European Investment Bank*

**Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen** – Vice-President, European Investment Bank

## Roundtable

**Entrepreneurship and social inclusion:** Integrated approaches to EU public support and microfinance in view of the financial, economic and social crisis

15:00-18:00 The roundtable consists of two parts, with a coffee break between 16:15-16:45

*Moderator:*

**Marco Zatterin** - La Stampa

Introduction

**Maria Nowak** – President ADIE (France)

Panel

**Richard Pelly** – Chief Executive, European Investment Fund

**Gerassimos Thomas** - Director, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

**Rudolf Niessler** - Director, DG Regional policy, European Commission

**Joanna Drake** - Director, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

**Andriana Sukova-Tosheva** – Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

**Pervenche Berès** - Chair, Employment and Social Affairs Committee, European Parliament

**Madi Sharma** – Member, European Economic and Social Committee

DISCUSSION

16:15-16:45

COFFEE BREAK

## Closing first day

18:00-18:15 **Joseph Jamar** - Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

19:00

COCKTAIL DINNER

## Introduction

09:00-09:10 **Chair: Joseph Jamar** – Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

## Presentations

European Progress Microfinance Facility (EPMF) and the JASMINE programme

09:10-09:45 **Philippe Delvaux** – Micro-credit and JASMINE co-ordinator, DG Regional Policy, European Commission  
**Raymond Maes** – Head of Entrepreneurship and Microfinance Taskforce, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission  
**Roger Havenith** – Head of Unit (acting), DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission  
**Birthe Bruhn-Léon** – Head of Mandate Management, European Investment Fund

## Sharing good practice

**Parallel Sessions** (please see page 3 for details)

09:45-11:15 A) Developing high quality microfinance services  
B) Improving the environment for microfinance  
C) Facilitating access to microfinance

11:15-11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

## Sharing good practice

What we have learned to further develop microfinance as an instrument to support entrepreneurship and inclusion

11:30-12:45 **Chair: Lenia Samuel** – Deputy Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission  
A) Delivery of the key messages from parallel sessions  
**Facilitators of the parallel sessions**  
B) Commenting on the key messages  
**Klaas Molenaar** – President, European Microfinance Network  
**Grzegorz Galusek** – Executive Director, Microfinance Centre

DISCUSSION

## Priorities for Action

12:45-13:00 **Lenia Samuel** – Deputy Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

13:00 **LUNCH BUFFET**

## Parallel Sessions (09:45-11:15)

### A) Developing high quality microfinance services

**Facilitator** **Bruno Dunkel** - General Secretary of the Executive Committee, CoopEst (Belgium)

**Presentations**

Code of good conduct for Microfinance Institutions

**Karl Dayson** - Executive Director Community Finance Solutions, University of Salford(UK)

Quality management for business support services for starters from disadvantaged groups

**Norbert Kunz** – CEO, iq consult (Germany)

A new approach to deliver micro-credit to the Roma population

**Gyorgy Molnar** – Board Member, Kiútprogram Nonprofit PLC (Hungary)

### B) Improving the environment for microfinance

**Facilitator** **Iain Willox** – Expert, Copie Network

**Presentations**

Linking microfinance with one stop shops and business advisory services advisers in the Netherlands

**Marjolein de Boer** - Director, Stichting Microfinanciering en Ondernemerschap (Netherlands)

Policy co-ordination and networking of actors supporting micro-enterprises

**Bárbara Jayo** – Research Director, Fundación Nantik Lum (Spain)

Developing and linking microfinance and business start-up services in Lithuania

**Ramunas Dilba** - Deputy Head Operational Programmes Management Department, Ministry of Finance (Lithuania)

### C) Facilitating the access to microfinance

**Facilitator** **Martin Jung** – Director, Evers & Jung (Germany)

**Presentations**

Microfinance Fund Germany: a network of partners

**Dietrich Englert** - Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs (Germany)

Microfinance in Romania

**Cristian Jurma** - General Manager, Express Finance IFN S.A. (Romania)

Microbank

**José F. de Conrado** – Chairman, Microbank (Spain)