



# Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

## Commission Expert Group

**Name:** Commission Expert Group on the social business initiative (GECES)/Groupe d'experts de la Commission sur l'entrepreneuriat social (GECES) (E02753)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

**Abbreviation:** GECES

**Policy Area:** Employment and Social Affairs  
Enterprise  
Internal Market

**Lead DG:** GROW - DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

**Associated DG:** EMPL - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion  
FISMA - DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

**Type:** Informal, Temporary

**Scope:** Broad

**Mission:** As announced by the Communication SBI (COM (2011) 682), this expert group encompasses a representative of each Member State, local authorities and the stakeholders will work to examine "the progress of the measures envisaged by the Communication", including key actions proposed by the SBI.

**Task:** Assist the Commission in relation to the implementation of existing Union legislation, programmes and policies  
Assist the Commission in the preparation of delegated acts  
Assist the Commission in the preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives  
Coordinate with Member States, exchange of views  
Provides expertise to the Commission when preparing implementing measures, i.e. before the Commission submits these draft measures to a comitology committee

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**Link to Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups_en)

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## Additional Information

### Activity Report

Agendas and minutes of the meetings

[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups_en)

### Activity Report

Web site of the GECES :

[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups_en)

### Activity Report

The first meeting of the group was held on June 5th, 2012 (Brussels). All the documents related to this meeting, to the next ones, and to the GECES more generally, can be found on the Web site of the GECES (see above).

### Selection Procedure (members)

A renewed call for applications with a view to selecting new non-public members for the group of experts on social entrepreneurship called "Groupe d'Experts de la Commission sur l'Entrepreneuriat Social" (GECES) was posted on the website on 19 February 2015 and closed on 15 March 2015. The candidates were evaluated and then validated by the three Cabinets GROW, EMPL and FISMA.

[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups_en)

#### [Document 1](#)

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### Selection Procedure (members)

Call for Applications posted on Feb. 23 on the DG MARKT website Deadline for submission of applications: April 9, 2012 During April, the Commission (EMPL + MARKT + ENTR + BEPA) will meet to draw up a possible list of members, to be validated by the three Cabinets (Barnier, Andor and Tajani). This list should include geographical and gender balance, and the different actors and stakeholders in the social economy (social entrepreneurs, financial institutions, associations and federations, incubators, think tanks, academics, representatives of local authorities), in addition to 27 members sent by each Member State (1 per member State). 16 observers are will also participate to the work of the GECES (candidate countries, EEA, Switzerland, EP, EESC, CofR, EIB and EIF). (See call for applications).

[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises/expert-groups_en)

#### [Document 1](#)

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### Internal Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure of GECES were presented by the European Commission at the 7th meeting (16 September 2015) and were adopted by the GECES.

#### [Document 1](#)

(approx. 118 kb)

## Members

### Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity

Name	Nationality	Professional Title	Membership Status
BOSMA, Niels	Netherlands		Member
CARPENTER, Gwendolyn	Germany		Member
CLIFFORD, Jim	United Kingdom		Member
CROSSAN, Denise	Ireland		Member
NOGALES, Rocio	Spain		Member
STOKKINK, Denis	Belgium		Member

### Type C - Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Ashoka (Ashoka)	Companies/Groups	European	Member
Athens Development and Destination Mangement Agency (ADDMA SA)	Professional Consultancies	Greece	Member
Avisé	Professionals' Associations	France	Member
Caritas Europa	NGOs	European	Member
Clann Credo - The Social Investment Fund (CCL)	Banks/Financial Institutions	Ireland	Member
CLUSTER FOR ECO-SOCIAL INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CEDRA HR)	Other Organisations	Croatia	Member
Coompanion Sweden	Professional Consultancies	Sweden	Member
Development Agency of Karditsa AE OTA (AN.KA AE)	Companies/Groups	Greece	Member
DIESIS COOP (DIESIS)	Other Organisations	European	Member
Engaged Investment Ltd (EngagedX)	Companies/Groups	International	Member
Erste Group Bank AG	Banks/Financial Institutions	European	Member
Euro-Mediterranean Network of Foundations for Social Economy (PEFONDES)	Companies/Groups	European	Member
Eurométropole de Strasbourg (EMS)	Other Organisations	France	Member
European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA)	Other Organisations	European	Member
Fédération Européenne des Banques Alimentaires (FEBA)	Banks/Financial Institutions	European	Member
Finanzierungsagentur für Social Entrepreneurship (FASE)	Banks/Financial Institutions	Germany	Member
Kooperationen (Kooperationen)	Professionals' Associations	Denmark	Member

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Metropolitan Area Gdansk Gdynia Sopot (OMGGS)	Other Organisations	Poland	Member
MTÜ Sotsiaalsete Ettevõtete Võrgustik (Estonian Social Enterprise Network) (SEV)	Other Organisations	Estonia	Member
Mutuelle Générale de l'Education Nationale (MGEN)	Other Organisations	France	Member
Non Profit Enterprise and Self-sustainability Team (NESsT)	Companies/Groups	European	Member
Oksigen Lab (Oksigen Lab)	Companies/Groups	Belgium	Member
ORGANIZACIÓN NACIONAL DE CIEGOS ESPAÑOLES (ONCE)	Companies/Groups	Spain	Member
PHINEO	Companies/Groups	Germany International	Member
Platform of European Social NGOs (Social Platform)	Companies/Groups	European	Member
reseau des collectivités territoriales pour une économie solidaire (RTES)	Other Organisations	France	Member
Social Business International Limited	Companies/Groups	International	Member
Social Finance Ltd	Banks/Financial Institutions	United Kingdom	Member
Social Services Europe (SSE)	Other Organisations	United Kingdom	Member
Social Value Network UK	Companies/Groups	United Kingdom	Member
Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency (SZREDA)	Companies/Groups	Bulgaria	Member
Towarzystwo Inwestycji Społeczno-Ekonomicznych S.A. (TISE SA)	Banks/Financial Institutions	Poland	Member
Union luxembourgeoise de l'économie sociale et solidaire (ULESS)	Professional Consultancies	Luxembourg	Member
Union Nationale des Mutualités Socialistes - National Federation of Socialist Mutual Health Funds (U.N.M.S.)	Companies/Groups	Belgium	Member
Vereniging van Vlaamse Steden en Gemeenten (VVSG)	Other Organisations	Belgium	Member

## Type D - Member State Authority

Country		Membership Status
Austria	1 Public Authority(y-ies)	Member
Belgium	1 Public Authority(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	1 Public Authority(y-ies)	Member

Croatia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Italy	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Luxembourg	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Romania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

## Type E - Other public entity

### Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 70

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	6	female: 3	male: 3
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 36

Type D - Member State Authority: 28

### Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 0

Type D - Member State Authority: 0

### Number of Observers: 12

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 0

Type D - Member State Authority: 0