

<b>Conference on Microfinance in Europe</b> <b>November 9-10 2010</b> <b>Brussels, Hotel Bloom, Rue Royale 250</b>		
<b>November 9</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>Registration</b> Welcome coffee
	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Chair: Representative BE Presidency (Tbc)</b>  <b>Micro-finance and entrepreneurship: their contribution to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth</b> László Andor – Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Commissioner  <b>Developing synergies to make microfinance an effective tool for social and regional cohesion in the EU</b> Johannes Hahn – Regional Policy Commissioner  <b>Statement by the European Investment Bank</b> Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen – Vice-President, European Investment Bank
	<b>14:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
	<b>15:15</b>	<b>Introduction to Roundtable</b> Maria Nowak – President ADIE (France)
	<b>15:35</b>	<b>Entrepreneurship and social inclusion: Integrated approaches to EU public support and microfinance in view of the financial, economic and social crisis</b>  <b>Panel discussion:</b> Richard Pelly – Chief Executive, European Investment Fund Gerassimos Thomas - Director, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission Robert Niessler - Director, DG Regional policy, European Commission Joanna Drake - Director, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission Adriana Sukova-Tosheva (Tbc) – Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission  Pervenche Berès - Chair, Employment and Social Affairs Committee, European Parliament Danuta Maria Hübner (Tbc) - Chair, Regional Development Committee, European Parliament Madi Sharma (Tbc) – Member, European Economic and Social Committee  <b>Followed by discussion with audience</b>
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Closing first day</b> Joseph Jamar - Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Cocktail dinner</b>

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<b>November 10<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b><i>Introduction to second part of the conference</i></b> <b>Chair: Joseph Jamar</b> - Director, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
	<b>9:10</b>	<b><i>Presentations of the European Progress microfinance Facility (EPMF) and the JASMINE programme</i></b>  <b>Philip Delvaux</b> – Policy Officer, DG Regional Policy, European Commission <b>Raymond Maes</b> – Head of Entrepreneurship and Microfinance Taskforce, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission <b>Roger Havenith</b> – Head of Unit, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission <b>Birthe Bruhn-Léon</b> – Head of Mandate Management Team, European Investment Fund
	<b>9:45</b>	<b><i>Sharing good practice</i></b>  <b><i>Parallel Sessions</i></b> (please see page 3 for details):  A) Developing high quality microfinance services B) Improving the environment for microfinance C) Facilitating access to microfinance
	<b>11:15</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
	<b>11:30</b>	<b><i>Sharing good practice : What we have learned to further develop microfinance as an instrument to support entrepreneurship and inclusion</i></b>  <b>Chair: Robert Verrue</b> – Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission  <b><i>Commenting on the key messages from the working groups</i></b>  <b>Klaas Molenaar</b> – President, European Microfinance Network <b>Grzegorz Galusek</b> - Executive Director, Microfinance Centre for Central and Eastern Europe and the New Independent States  <b><i>Plenary discussion</i></b>
	<b>12:45</b>	<b><i>Priorities for Action</i></b> <b>Robert Verrue</b> – Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
	<b>13:00</b>	<b><i>Lunch Buffet</i></b>

<sup>1</sup> Interpretation from and into EN–FR–DE–ES–IT–PL for plenary sessions, and from and into EN–FR–DE for the working group sessions

**November 10**

**Parallel Sessions: 9:45- 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** – Expert, Copie Network (Germany)

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

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

**Workshop coordinator:** Isabelle De Schryver, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

***B) Improving the environment for microfinance***

**Facilitator:** Iain Willox, Director, Welsh Development Agency (UK)

***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)

Embedding access to microfinance into active labour market and social inclusion policies

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

**Workshop coordinator:** Gerhard Bräunling - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

***C) Facilitating the access to microfinance***

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

***Presentations:***

Finlombarda: a fund under JEREMIE

**Anna Barone** (Tbc) - Finlombarda SpA (Italy)

Microfinance Fund Germany: a network of partners

**Arnold Hemmann** (tbc) – Head of Unit, Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs (Germany)

Microfinance in a new Member State

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

Microbank

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

**Workshop coordinator:** Monica Salgado Fernandez - DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission