

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

MAY 10		MAY 11	
12.30-13.30	<b>LUNCH + BRIEFING OF ANIMATORS</b>	13.30-14.30	<b>PLENARY: How to get mainstreaming results from a national thematic network.</b> Chair: Ute Heinen Co-ordinator of the EQUAL mainstreaming-process, Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour, Germany
13.30-14.00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>		Claus Annus-Simons Co-ordinator of the national thematic network on social economy, Ministry of Economics and Labour, Germany
14.00-14.15	<b>WELCOME</b> Marie Donnelly Head of Unit, Employment and Social Affairs DG, European Commission		Jonathan Bland Director, Social Enterprise Coalition and member of national thematic group, United Kingdom
14.15-15.45	<b>PLENARY - STATE OF PLAY, OBSTACLES, SUGGESTIONS FOR PROMOTING THE SOCIAL ECONOMY</b> Chair: Louis Vervloet Director, ESF Unit, Flemish Ministry of Employment (EWBL) Marie-Hélène Gillig MEP, President of the Social Economy Intergroup of the European Parliament Steven Wallace Social Enterprise Unit, United Kingdom Danièle Demoustier Maître de conférence, IES, Grenoble University, France Rainer Schlüter General Secretary, CECOP, the European Confederation of Workers Co-operatives, Social Co-operatives and Participative Enterprises Stefania Mancini Board member of Agenzia ONLUS, Italy Professor Eva Les University of Warsaw, Poland Jan Olsson President, Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship, European Economic and Social Committee		Lisa Jonsson Co-ordinator of social economy NTG, Svenska ESF Rådet, Sweden
15.45-15.55	<b>INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOPS</b> Toby Johnson AEIDL	14.30-17.30	<b>FOUR PARALLEL WORKSHOPS - Session 3</b> - (including tea break) - Quality indicators ( <i>continued</i> ) - Skills ( <i>continued</i> ) - Public-social partnership & public procurement ( <i>continued</i> ) - Support services & structures ( <i>continued</i> )
15.55-16.15	<b>TEA - COFFEE BREAK</b>	18.00	<b>VISIT TO BORGERHOUT CALL CENTRE</b> (a social enterprise) and dinner ( <i>with the support of the Flemish Ministry EWBL</i> )
16.15-18.30	<b>FOUR PARALLEL WORKSHOPS - Session 1</b> Depending on the topic, the workshops last 1, 2 or 3 sessions. They will examine evidence from practitioners present as to good practice, analyse the problems the actors face, synthesise the way policy should be influenced and encapsulate messages to policy-makers. - Quality indicators Facilitator: Peter Ramsden - Skills Facilitator: Andrea Grabher - Finance Facilitator: Christophe Guene - Social franchising Facilitator: Renate Goergen	09.00-10.30	<b>PLENARY: Reports from the parallel sessions, including mainstreaming plans</b> Chair: Gerhard Bräunling, Head of Sector, EQUAL unit - Quality indicators – rapporteur: Lisa Sanfilippo - Skills – rapporteur: Oz Osborne - Public-social partnership & public procurement – rapporteur: Tina Lovell ( <i>tbc</i> ) - Support services & structures – rapporteur: Dorothea Daniele - Finance – rapporteur: Hans-Gerd Nottenbohm - Social franchising – rapporteur: Nepheli Yatropoulou-Mantzari
19.00	<b>CULINARY MERRY-GO-ROUND.</b> Bus to centre, then by foot in small groups. ( <i>with the support of the Flemish Ministry EWBL</i> )	10.30-10.45	<b>TEA - COFFEE BREAK</b>
09.00-12.30	<b>FOUR PARALLEL WORKSHOPS - Session 2</b> (including tea – coffee break) - Quality indicators ( <i>continued</i> ) - Skills ( <i>continued</i> ) - Public-social partnership & public procurement – facilitator: Barbara Torazza - Support services & structures – facilitator: Iain Willox	10.45-12:15	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION: reactions to policy messages presented – what are our mainstreaming goals? + Debate with floor</b> Prof. Jacques Defourny Director, Centre d'Economie Sociale, Univ. of Liège President of the EMES Network Jürgen Schwettmann Chief, Co-operatives Branch, International Labour Organisation (ILO), Geneva Luca Azzoni Chief of ESF project unit, ILO Training Centre, Turin Antonella Noya Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) LEED Programme Rainer Hoffmann Deputy General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
12.30-13.30	<b>LUNCH</b>	12:15-13:00	<b>SUMMING UP &amp; CLOSURE</b> (Peter Ramsden, New Economics Foundation)
		13:00-14:30	<b>LUNCH &amp; DEPARTURE</b>

## WHAT

The Strengthening the Social Economy conference is the major event bringing together those active in the social economy in the first phase of the EQUAL Community Initiative.

It will examine the contributions that social economy approaches are making to meet challenges such as demographic change and welfare state reform as well as labour market discrimination and inequality. It will examine the relevant policies, discuss the promising practices being piloted among EQUAL development partnerships, and formulate policy messages for presentation at European level in 2004.

The conference will involve 140 people, from inside the EQUAL community as well as external stakeholders and policy-makers. It will include representatives from the EQUAL programmes in the countries joining the EU this year.

Its results will inform the EQUAL visibility event to take place at the end of 2004, the European social economy conference in Kraków on 28-29 October 2004, and the follow-up work to be undertaken in the second round of EQUAL.

## WHEN

The conference will begin on Monday May 10th at 13.30 with registration and will finish on Wednesday 12th May after lunch at 14.30. Participation is by invitation only.

## WHERE

The event will take place in Antwerp:  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Gerard Le Grellelaan 10  
2020 Antwerp  
Belgium

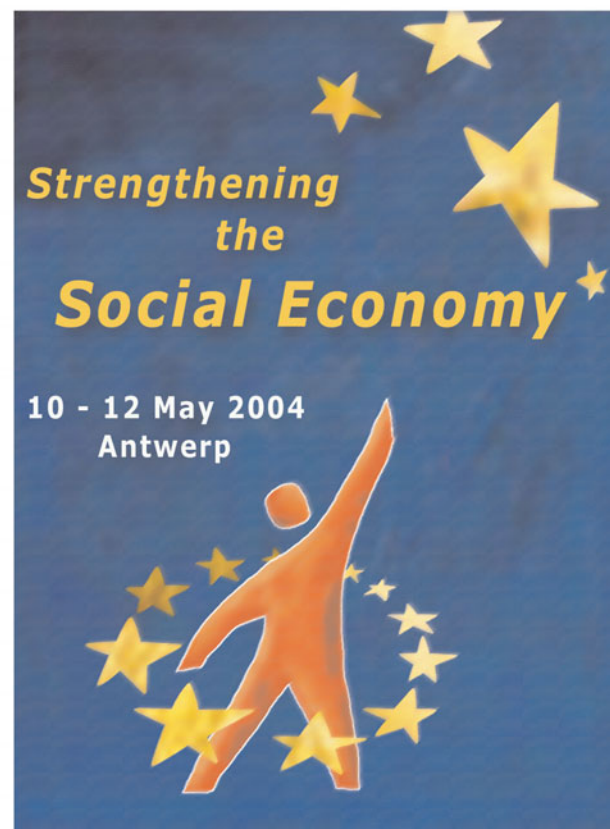
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