

European Peer Learning Event

Cooperatives and social economy: perspectives for corporate sustainability

14 May 2025

09:30 – 17.30

CUBO in Porta Europa

Piazza Vieira de Mello 3 e 5, Bologna

“Live Space”

DRAFT AGENDA

Please register [HERE](#).

9.00 – 9.30

Registration, coffee + networking

9.30 – 9.45

Welcoming words

- Marisa Parmigiani, Head of Sustainability, Unipol Group, Italy
- Gianluca Pastorelli, Executive President, Diesis Network, Belgium

9.45 – 11.00

About the SEDLEX research outcomes – lessons learnt

- Netherlands - Anne Guisset, Senior Researcher, HIVA-KU Leuven, Belgium
- France - Laurène Thil, Senior Researcher, HIVA-KU Leuven, Belgium
- Spain – Samuel Barco, Senior Expert, DIESIS Network
- Italy – Gianluca Pastorelli, Executive President, Diesis Network
- Germany – Hans-Gerd Nottenbohm, Member of the Board, innova eG

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break + networking

11.30 – 13.00

State of the art of the directive and policy perspectives at EU level (hybrid session)

- Michael Ristaniemi, Legal and Policy Officer, DG GROW: Corporate sustainability law and policy perspectives (online)
- Joël Le Déroff, Policy Officer, Social Dialogue, DG EMPL: The new Commission's key initiatives for working conditions and sustainability (online)
- Aicha Belassir Khayati, Director General for Social Economy and Corporate Social Responsibility, Spain (online)

13.00 – 14.00

- *Marco Cilento, Head of Institutional Policy, European Trade Union Confederation: Social minimum safeguards in the sustainable finance framework of the EU (online)*

Moderated by: *Anne Guisset, senior researcher, HIVA-KU Leuven, Belgium*

Lunch break (networking)

14.00 – 14.15

Opening of the afternoon session

- *Michela Vogrig – President, Legacoop Nazionale, Italy*

14.15 – 15.30

In focus 1: The value chains (round table)

Cooperatives and SE companies have demonstrated an innovative and proactive approach to address sustainability across complex value chains.

- *Alejandro Martínez Berriochoa, Director, Eroski / Mondragon Group, Spain*
- *Giorgio Benassi, Responsible for Sustainability, Alleanza Coop 3.0, Italy*
- *Marc Buisson, General Secretary, UpCoop, / President, Day S.p.A SB, Italy*

Moderated by: *Samuel Barco, senior expert, DIESIS Network*

15.30 - 15.50

Coffee break (networking)

15.50 - 17.00

In focus 2: Born ready for sustainability? (round table)

Social economy / cooperatives are pioneers having sustainability in their DNA, let's hear from concrete cases from the social economy and the mainstream sector.

- *Ignacio Atance Muñiz, Director of the Study Services, CAJAMAR, Spain*
- *Giulia Balugani, Sustainability Manager, UNIPOL, Italy*
- *Francesca Zarri, Consorzio Nazionale Servizi, Italy*

Moderated by: *Gianluca Pastorelli, executive president, Diesis Network, Belgium*

17.00

End of event