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The Social and Solidarity Economy in the European Union

A Green Programme beyond the Crises

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The economic crisis and climate change are only two reasons why many people in Europe question the current economic model. While it strives for maximising profits it falls short on other economic, social and environmental objectives. The social and solidarity economy turns this order of priorities around: enterprises aim most of all for the societal objective, while still being profitable. Furthermore, it bears a remarkable employment potential. However, legislation in Member States and at European level rarely takes their specificities into account.

For more than a year, we have been working on a comprehensive programme on how the protection of the social and solidarity economy through EU legislation and measures can be improved.

On 25th April we will present and discuss the 60 pages draft of our programme.

Programme

Part I - Green Programme and the Commission's initiatives

Presentation of the key elements of the Programme - **Sven Giegold**, MEP

Reaction - Commissioner **Michel Barnier**

Discussion

Part II - Green Programme and the initiatives of Member States

Promoting the Social and Solidarity Economy on National level - the Spanish Law on the Social Economy

Paloma Arroyo, General Secretary COCETA (Confederacion Espanola de Cooperativas de Trabajo Asociado) TBC

Can the Social and Solidarity Economy fulfil the State's public social service mission?

- The British Cooperatives Bill

Bob Cannell, Cooperatives UK, Worker Cooperatives Council

Discussion

Part III - Green Programme and implementation by NGOs

How can financing for the Social and Solidarity Economy be improved?

Bruno Dunkel, General Secretary CoopEst

How can European policies improve the cooperation of local authorities and the Social and Solidarity Economy?

Jan Olsson, co-president of the European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy (REVES)

Discussion

Closing remarks - **Sven Giegold**, MEP

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