



ROUND TABLE
NEW SYNERGIES FOR
AN INCLUSIVE, COHESIVE EUROPE

13–14 December, Paris

The last few years have brought the realisation that an inclusive Europe free from poverty is inconceivable without the citizens' active participation, not only for the development of services but also through awareness of the impact which their choices have on social cohesion and sustainable development.

The European Inter-Network of Ethical and Responsible Initiatives (IRIS), set up with the support of the Council of Europe, the Autonomous Province of Trento and the European Commission, has the goal of exploring innovative alternative responses for building an inclusive society founded on the players' shared responsibility, in particular by developing the potential of the sustainable, solidarity-based solutions, both economic and ethical, devised by the citizens to meet these challenges.

Participants in this round table will examine together how the governments engaged in the National Action Plans on Social Inclusion (NAPs/incl), the local and regional authorities and the citizens can combine their capabilities synergically to combat poverty and social exclusion, broadening the approaches and practices proposed by the ethical and solidarity-based initiatives. They will also consider how European local and regional variants of this synergy can be achieved, the better to further the success of the inclusion plans and of any other initiative directed against social exclusion.

Finally, the question of how to integrate these ethical and solidarity-based initiatives more fully into the actual design of the NAPs/incl will be addressed.

Representatives of the Council of Europe member states, in addition to those of the European Union, will be invited to take part in the proceedings.

THURSDAY 13 December - WELCOMING COCKTAIL

Venue Salon de la Maison de l'Amérique latine - 217, Boulevard Saint Germain - 75007 Paris

- 8 pm** Welcoming address and presentation of the objectives by a:
- Jean-Marie BRULE, Chairman of the Economic Development and Employment Commission, Ile-de-France Region (to be confirmed)
 - Gilda FARRELL, Acting Head of the Social Policy Department, Directorate General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe
 - Jérôme VIGNON, Director, Social Protection and Integration Directorate, Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
 - Fabio SALVIATO, Chairman of the *Banca Popolare Etica*, European Federation of Ethical and Alternative Banks (FEBEA), member of the European Inter-Network of Ethical and Responsible Initiatives (IRIS)
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- 8.30 pm** Guest of honour: Martin HIRSCH, High Commissioner for Active Solidarities against Poverty
- 9 pm** Buffet

FRIDAY 14 December - ROUND TABLE

Venue

Conseil régional Ile-de-France - Salle Paul Delouvrier - 35 bd des Invalides – 75007 Paris

9h00

Social inclusion: a shared responsibility

Speakers:

- Francine BAVAY, Vice-President of the Ile-de-France Region, responsible for social development and social and solidarity-based economy
- Gilda FARRELL, Acting Head of the Social Policy Department in the Directorate General Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

9.30 am

PANEL 1 – Ethical and solidarity-based initiatives for participative citizenship in combating poverty

Contributors:

- Christine GENT, International Fair Trade Association (IFAT) and Chairperson of the European Inter-Network of Ethical and Responsible Initiatives (IRIS)
- Dr. Berthold BECHER, European Federation of Ethical and Alternative Banks (FEBEA), member of IRIS
- Daniel VUILLON and Jocelyne FORT, International Network of Local and Solidarity based Partnerships between Producers and Consumers (URGENCI), members of IRIS
- Matthieu GROSSET, National Committee of Social Enterprises (CNEI) and Patrizia BUSSI, European Network for Social Integration Enterprises, members of IRIS
- Jean-Louis KIEHL, Executive chairman of CRESUS (French association to fight over-indebtedness) and coordinator of the “Multiparty Social Contract”

Short-film “Multiparty Social Contract”

Moderator: Leonardo BECCHETTI, Lecturer in Economics at the University of Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy

Debate

11.00 am

PANEL 2 – How public authorities should involve citizen’s ethical and solidarity-based initiatives in combating poverty and exclusion

Contributors:

- Chris BURSTON, Social exclusion and poverty Team, Department of Labour and Pensions, United Kingdom
- Adina DRAGATOIU, Ministry of Labour, Social Solidarity and Family, Romania
- Catherine LESTERPT, Directorate General of Social Action, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Solidarity, France
- Elise WILLAME, Federal Public Service – Social Security, Belgium
- Fernanda RODRIGUES, Coordinator of the Portuguese National Action Plan for Social Inclusion, Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity, Portugal

Moderator: Antoine SAINT-DENIS, Social Protection and Integration Directorate, Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

Debate

12.30 pm

LUNCH

2 pm

PANEL 3 – How local and regional authorities can stimulate social inclusion

Contributors:

- Marie-Thérèse ATTALAH, deputy mayor, Paris 14th district, responsible for Social Action and People with disabilities and Muriel ROCHUT, coordinator of the “Responsible Territory for Social Cohesion and Sustainable Development”, Ile-de-France Region, member of IRIS (France)
- Marta DALMASO, *Assessore*, Provincial Councillor for social welfare and Luciano MALFER, Director General for Social Services, Autonomous Province of Trento (Italy),
- Gheorghe CIUHANDU, Mayor of Timisoara and Mihaela VETRAN , coordinator of the “Responsible Territory for Social Cohesion and Sustainable Development” City of Timisoara (Romania)
- Mireille GODEFROY, deputy mayor and Sébastien HOUSSIN, project officer and coordinator of the “Responsible Territory for Social Cohesion and Sustainable Development”, Town of Mulhouse (France)
- Christiane BOUCHART, deputy mayor, city of Lille and Chairperson of the *Réseau des Territoires pour l'Économie Solidaire* (RTES)

Moderator: Samuel THIRION, administrator, division of Social cohesion development, Directorate General Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

4 pm

Closure – Activating our synergies for an inclusive and cohesive Europe

Chaired by Alexander VLADYCHENKO, Director General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

Speakers:

- Elise WILLAME, Chairperson, European Union Social Protection Committee
- Joe GERADA, Vice-chair, Council of Europe European Committee for Social Cohesion
- Christine GENT, Chairperson, European Inter-Network of Ethical and Responsible Initiatives (IRIS)