



## « Responsible Consumption: a tool for social cohesion? »

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 - Paris

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

#### Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2007

**9.00-10.15** Welcoming and Opening session – Presentation of the working papers on responsible consumption within the framework of the European Dialogue Platform on Ethical and Solidarity-based Initiatives for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

- Presentation of the seminar objectives – *Gilda Farrell*
- Feedback on «The Guide to responsible citizen consumption» – *Pauline Rivière*
- Issues to be reconsidered: turning responsible consumption into a tool for social cohesion, which criteria and methods? - Debate

Coffee Break

#### 10.30 Session 1

**Theme:** « The meaning of “Freedom of choice” »

- How can “Freedom of choice” be defined?
- Widening freedom of choice: which criteria?
- Giving a social sense to consumption choices is part of the freedom of choice?

12.45–14.15 Lunch

#### 14.15 Session 2

**Theme:** « The Issue of Fair Price: ethical or economic ? »

- Price: definition and challenges
- Should AMAP or GAS be considered as good instances of fair price practices?

16.30 Conclusions of the day. Debate

17.30 Closing session

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2007

**9.00 Session 3**

**Theme :** « **Asymmetrical Information: what are the best methods to inform citizens ?** »

- Responsible consumption and its definition of asymmetrical information.
- Can labels be a solution to asymmetrical information?
- Can Consumption and social responsibility be joined together by new labels and monitoring systems?

Coffee Break

**11.15 Session 4**

**Theme :** « **Is responsible consumption a means for achieving social inclusion?** »

- Challenges for responsible consumption in the fight against poverty
- Responsible consumption: luxury or inclusion tool?

**13.15–14.45 Lunch**

**14.45 Summary and Debate**

**15.30 Future developments**

- Key issues to be considered in the Guide for encouraging citizens to give a societal sense to their freedom of choice
- How can responsible consumption become a social inclusion tool?
- To who is the Guide addressed?

**17.30–18.30 Conclusions**

**18.30 End of seminar**