

European Peer Learning Event

Cooperatives and social economy: perspectives for corporate sustainability

14 May 2025

09h30 – 17h30

CUBO in Porta Europa

Piazza Vieira de Mello 3 e 5, Bologna

“Live Space”

Please register [HERE](#).

9h00 – 9h30

Registration, coffee + networking

9h30 – 9h45

Welcoming words

- *Marisa Parmigiani, head of sustainability, Unipol Group, Italy*
- *Gianluca Pastorelli, executive president, Diesis Network, Belgium*

9h45 – 11h00

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*

11h00 – 11h30

Coffee break + networking

11h30 – 13h00

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*

13h00 – 14h00

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

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

Lunch break (networking)

14h00 – 14h15

Opening of the afternoon session

- *Simone Gamberini - Presidente Legacoop Nazionale, Italy*

14h15 – 15h30

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*
- *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*

15h30 – 15h50

Coffee break (networking)

15h50 – 17h00

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, UNIPOL, Italy*
- *Francesca Zarri, Consorzio Nazionale Servizi, Italy*

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

17h00

End of event