

Microfinance in Europe has long been recognized as a relevant tool to reduce social and financial exclusion. The provision of financial and non-financial services has helped thousands of underserved European citizens to create their own workplace, to improve the well-being of their families and to create jobs for others.

Over the last 10 years CoopEst has marked its presence financing socially-rooted financial institutions in Central and Eastern Europe, enabling them to serve those excluded from mainstream finance. Recently CoopEst also opened new ways to enhance financial support to deprived populations.

On the occasion of the 2nd European Microfinance Day, CoopEst is proud to invite you to the celebration of its 10th anniversary which will be a special opportunity to reflect on the past and inspire the future perspectives for financial and social inclusion based on the CoopEst experience and lessons learned on the 10-year long journey.

## 20/10/2016 COOPEST 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Hotel Sofitel Europe, Place Jourdan, 1040, Brussels

17h30 Registration

18h00 Welcoming message and introduction

## 18h10 Inspirational dialogue on European microfinance perspectives COOPEST: HOW 10 YEARS OF SOCIAL FINANCE CAN INSPIRE FUTURE POLICIES?

Mr. Jean Louis Bancel, Président, *Crédit Coopératif* Mr. Roger Havenith, Deputy CEO, *European Investment Fund* Ms. Ann Branch, Head of Unit, *European Commission, DG Empl* CoopEst Client to be confirmed Mr. Francois Soulage, CoopEst Chairman

Moderator: Ms. Yaël Zlotowski, General Manager, Caisse Solidaire

19h00 CoopEst 10th Anniversary cocktail

We thank you to send your confirmation to valerie.valente@inpulse.coop by 14 Oct latest