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Round Table, Exhibition, Conference, Workshop

“Social Economy and Social-Cooperative Enterprises: Job Opportunities in a Crisis Era”

July 6th –7th, Discussions, Conference: Technopolis – Gazi, Athens
July 8th, Seminar: Green Cultural Centre, Ano Patisia

Nikos Chrysogelos, in his capacity as MEP of the Greens/EFA in the European Parliament

is organising a three-day event focusing on Social Economy and Social Enterprise Cooperatives with the participation of many European and Greek organisations who will present their experiences and discuss the prospects of developing cooperative enterprises in Greece. The purpose of the event is to promote social economy as a realistic policy for creating green jobs while protecting the environment and social cohesion in response to the multifaceted crisis the country and Europe are experiencing.

With the support of:

- Green Institute for Research & Documentation
- Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung
- Thematic Group of the Local Government, Ecologists Greens

In cooperation with:

- Technopolis, Organisation of the Municipality of Athens
- Ecological Recycling Society
- DIO - Certification/ Inspection Organisation of Organic Products
- Worker's Union - Organization of Social Housing
- Klimax plus

With the participation of:

- Regional schemes: Ecological Wind South Aegean, Ecological Wind North Aegean, Attica Ecological Response, Ecology-Solidarity East Macedonia-Thrace, Ecology-Solidarity Central Macedonia, Ecological Western Greece, Independent Regional Citizens Movement ONE CRETE Environment-Human, Ecological Co-governance of Morias
- Attica - Environment SOS
- European networks and Greek social economy stakeholders
- Environmental and social organisations

On July 6th-7th an exhibition of informational kiosks will be in place providing selected material about best practices from social cooperative enterprises established in various European countries, as well as from Greek initiatives specifically in the fields of renewable energies, waste re-use, producers-consumers networks, social services and alternative banking - funding structures.

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Friday July 6th Technopolis - Gazi, Athens

18.00-19.30: Introduction in Social Economy on the Local, National, European and Global levels.

“Is there a role for Social Economy in overcoming the crisis at a European level? From crisis and no market control to sustainability and social economy”

Participants:

- **Vasilis Giokaris**, author with George Kolempas of the book entitled “*Localisation of the economy*”
- **Loukas Mprechas**, KAPA Network: “*Cooperatives in crisis periods - Necessary preconditions for their promotion*”
- **Nikos Chrysogelos**, MEP, Ecologists Greens/Greens in the European Parliament, “*Development of social economy at a European level*”
- **Eirini Glyki**, scientific collaborator of World Watch Institute: “*Social cooperative economy at a global level*”.

Moderated by **Andreas Roumeliotis**, journalist, author of the book titled “*I can make it even without Euro*”

Break 19.30 - 19.45

19.45-21.30: Round Table Discussion

“Local Communities, Local Governments and Social Economy: How to develop a relationship based on cooperation and mutual support?”

Participants:

- **Dimitris Tsoukalas**, former President of the community of Anavra, Magnesia, Region of Thessaly, President of “ANAVRA-ZO”
- **Kostas Diakos**, Regional Counsellor of Attica Region, Member of the Attica Region Committee on Social Economy
- **Alex Economides**, Collaborator of Athens' Mayor
- **Nick Sarantis**, Mayor St Anargyroi, Chair Regional Association of Municipalities of Attica
- **Antigone Lyberaki**, Professor of Economics and Regional Development, Panteion University
- **Antonis Gakis**, Responsible for innovation, Attica Region
- **Lambros Mpouklis**, Regional Counsellor, Peloponnese Region, responsible for social economy

Moderated by **Kostas Papakonstantinou**, Regional Counsellor, Western Greece Region and **Nikos Chrysogelos**, MEP Ecologists Greens

Saturday July 7th – Conference Technopolis - Gazi, Athens

10.00-10.30: Arrival - Registration

Introduction

10.30 - 10.45: **George Economou**, PhD, "*The Economic Dimension of Democracy*"

10.45 - 11.00: **George Lieros**, City Councilor Halandri, "*Social economy, a viable alternative to the two economic systems*"

Moderator: **Kostas Diakos**, Regional Counsellor, Attica

Session A: The European experience of social cooperatives (11.00 - 11.20)

11.00 - 11.20 **Andreas Kappes**, German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation DGRV

Session B: Best practices and transfer of experience from Social-Cooperative Enterprises in the Renewable Energy sector (11.20 – 12.40)

11.20 - 11.40 **Michael J. Dichand**, European Centre for Renewable Energy, "*Green experience Güssing-Austria*"

11.40 - 12.00 **Timo Gensel**, Energiewende Jetzt, responsible for developing programs for energy cooperatives

12.00 - 12.20 **Dirk Vansintjan**, REScoop, President of the European Federation citizens groups and partnerships for renewable energy REScoop

12.20 - 12.40 **Vassilis Mpellis**, General Manager of Karditsa Development Company - Cooperative Company producing energy from biomass

Session C: Best practices and transfer of experience from Social-Cooperative Enterprises in producers - consumers networks (12.40 - 13.45)

12.40 - 12.55 **Valentina Contin**, GAS Italia, "*Goods and services of the Solidarity Economy. The case of Ethical Purchasing Groups*"

12.55 - 13.10 **Harisis Argyropoulos**, Inspection & Certification Organization of Organic Products DIO, "*Socially Supported Agriculture*"

13.10 - 13.25 **Theodoros Arvanitis**, Association of Organic Farmers, street markets of Attica, "*Producers – Consumers Markets*"

13.30 - 13.45 **Kostas Nicolaou**, representative of the "Movement 136" and of the Social and Consumer Cooperative Thessaloniki - BIOS Coop".

Session D: Best practices transfer of experience from Social-Cooperative Enterprises in reuse, recycling and composting waste (13.45 - 14.30)

13.45-14.00 **Joris De Brone**, Executive Director of the social reuse enterprise Kringloopcentrum-Belgium

14.00 - 14.15 **Stavros Argyropoulos**, SA Bioenergetic Laconia

14.15 - 14.30 **Dimitris Chomatidis**, representative of the Ecological Recycling Society, "*The Social Business Network for reuse and recycling – Rreuse*"

14.30 - 15.30 Questions - Answers - discussion on the topics of sessions A-D

15.30 - 17.30 Lunch/coffee break

Session E: Best practices and transfer of experience from Social-Cooperative Enterprises in the building - infrastructures sector (17.30 – 18.10)

17.30 - 17.45 **Niall O'Keefe**, Chief executive of NABCO, the national association of building cooperatives, Ireland & vice president of the cooperative section of CECODHAS HOUSING EUROPE

- 17.45 - 18.10 **Antonios Papadopoulos**, Project Manager for Elih_Med TSB, *“Energy upgrade 110 homes in the settlements TSB Kavala and Komotini through the European Programme Elih_Med - Prospects for expansion”*
Elias Athanasiou, Chairman TSB Workers Association, *“RES Potential application to new and existing settlements involving social cooperatives of the settlers”*
- Session F: Best practices and transfer of experience from Social-Cooperative Enterprises in the Health and Social rehabilitation sectors (18.10 -19.00)**
- 18.10 - 18.30 Representative from **Klimax Plus**
 18.30 - 18.45 **Panagiotis Koutrouvidis**, Head of the Department of Education and Training Members, Chairman of DP business, KETHEA, *“Business: A social partnership to boost entrepreneurship in the group of former users”*
- 18.45 - 19.00 **Nicolas Kipos**, Vice President Federation of self-managed Health Funds Association (O.A.T.Y.E.), *“Self-managed Health Funds”*
- Session G: Funding Institutions for Social-Cooperative Enterprises and Sustainable Economic Activities – European funding (19.00 – 20.00)**
- 19.00 -19.30 **Ugo Biggeri**, President, Ethical Cooperative Bank of Italy (Banca Popolare Etica), *“Role of ethical finance for new global financial rules”*
 19.30 -20.00 **Amandine Albizzati**, French social network for funding solidarity economy La NEF
- Session H: Institutional Framework for Social Economy and Social-Cooperative Enterprises, the role of local authorities and active civil society (20.00 – 20.35)**
- 20.00-20.15 **Representative EYKEKO - Special Service for Social Integration and Social Economy of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security** *“The new institutional framework law 4019/2011 and the arrangements for its implementation”*
 20.15-20.25 **Polina Gioka**, Ecological Recycling Society, *“The institutional framework for social enterprises from the perspective of social actors”*
 20.25-20.35 **Evangelos Spinthakis**, Heraclea Development Partnership, *“The Development Partnerships - opportunity for collaboration between local authorities - environmental institutions - green entrepreneurs”*
- 20.35-21.30 Questions - Answers - discussion on the topics of the sessions E-H**

There will be simultaneous interpretation from English to Greek and vice versa.

Sunday July 8th - Seminar (limited number of participants)

Conference room: Ecological Cultural Center **(315 Ionias Av., next to train station Ano Patissia)**

Training of those interested on how to establish, operate and network Social/Community Enterprises in the fields of Renewable Energies, Waste Re-use, Producers-Consumers Networks and Social Services.

Session A European and Greek Institutional Framework (09.30 – 10.30)

09.30 - 10.00 **Malte Arhelger**, Social Economy, referent of the Greens, European Parliament
10.00 - 10.30 **Evangelos Spinthakis**, Heraclea Development Partnership, "*Social economy and social cooperatives. The new institutional framework*"

Session B How to set up a Cooperative – Establishment and function (10.30 – 11.30)

10.30 - 11.00 **Timo Gensel**, Energiewende Jetzt, responsible for developing programs for energy cooperatives
11.00 - 11.30 **Vassilis Mpellis**, Karditsa Development Co-producer of energy from biomass

11.30 - 12.00 Break - Coffee

Session C Best Practices / parallel thematic workshops (12.00- 13.30)

Workshop "RES"

12.00 - 12.30 **Andreas Kappes**, German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation (DGRV)
12.30 - 13.00 **Michael Dichand**, European Centre for Renewable Energy, Güssing, Austria
13.00 - 13.30 Discussion - interactive workshop

Workshop "Waste Management"

12.00 - 12.30 **Sepp Eisenreigler**, Chairman of the Repair and Service Centre RUSZ, "*Social Economy - An alternative to the Dawning Market Economy? Examples from Austria*"
12.30 - 13.00 **Joris De Brone**, Executive director of social enterprise reuse Kringloopcentrum - Belgium
13.00 - 13.30 Discussion - interactive workshop

Workshop "Producers – Consumers Networks"

12.00 - 12.30 **Valentina Contin**, GAS, Agricultural Cooperative Associations of Italy
12.30 - 13.00 **Harisis Argyropoulos**, Inspection & Certification Organization of Organic Products DIO – "*Setting up Producers – Consumers Networks*"
13.00 - 13.30 Discussion - interactive workshop

Workshop "Social solidarity and innovation - Social Services"

12.00 - 12.30 **Akis Dimopoulos**, CEO Klimax Plus
12.30 - 13.30 Discussion - interactive workshop

13.30 - 14.00 Presentation of conclusions from laboratories (10') - Discussion