



## **“The People’s Business”: How Cooperatives and Mutuals can contribute to the policy agenda of European Progressives**

### **Programme**

**Rome, 20 January 2016**

**Palazzo della Cooperazione, via Torino n° 146**

**09.30 - 10.00**

**Coffee**

**10:00 - 10:30**

**Welcome and introduction to the project**

**Rosario Altieri**, President Alleanza Cooperative Italiane

**Massimo D’Alema**, President of FEPS and Former Prime Minister of Italy

**Peter Hunt**, Mutuo

**10:30 - 11:15**

**Co-operatives and Mutuals in Europe: European overview of the sector  
from: (15 mins each followed by panel Q&A)**

- **Stefania Marcone**, Board Member of Co-operatives Europe
- **Peter Hunt**, Co-op Banking (EACB) & Co-op & Mutual Insurers (ICMIF)

**11:15 - 11:30**

**Coffee**

**11:30 - 12:30**

**Presentations from each participating country**

Short presentations from each participating country (10 minutes) about the progressive origins and the size and scope of the sector in each country, including the key value it offers to the local economy and society.

**Cyprus** - **Yiannos Stavrinos**, Head of Strategy & Communications, Co-operative Central Bank, Cyprus

**Malta** - **Marylee Farrugia Degabriele**, Manager, Co-operatives Malta

**Czech Republic** – **Markéta Vinkelhoferová**, Project Coordinator, Ekumenická Akademie



**Slovakia** - Peter Vittek, Utopia Association

**Greece** - Yiorgos Alexopoulos, Senior Researcher, European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (EURICSE)

**Slovenia** - Jernej Štromajer, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

**12:30 - 13:00**

**The Marcora Law: an effective tool for an active employment policy**

**Camillo De Berardinis**, Managing Director of CFI (Cooperazione Finanza Impresa)

**13:00 - 14:00** Lunch & Networking

**14:00 - 14:45** The path to worker buyouts

Italian worker cooperatives:

**Simone Carresi**, President, Industria Vetraria Valdarnese (IVV)

**Salvatore Manfredi**, President, Fenix Pharma

**14:45 - 15:00**

**The political and social challenges facing European society**

Contribution from Associazione Socialismo

**15:00 - 15:15** Coffee

**15:15 - 16:00** Workshop exercise (all participants)

How can co-operatives and mutuals address the key social and political challenges in the EU?

**16:00 - 16:20** European support to WBO

**Bruno Busacca**, Responsible for the Technical Secretariat of the Minister of Labour

**16:20 - 16:30** Sum up and close