

Conference

COOPERATIVES AND WORK INTEGRATION OF DISADVANTAGED PERSONS

25 November 2013 | 2 pm

European Economic and Social Committee | Van Maerlant Building | Rue Van Maerlant 2 | Brussels |
Room VM3

PROGRAM

2.00 Welcome speech by Luca Jahier – President of Group III, European Economic and Social Committee and Rossano Rimelli – President, CECOP

2.15 Introduction to cooperatives and work integration of disadvantaged persons in Europe by Bruno Roelants - Secretary General, CECOP

2.30 – 3.45 Session 1: Positive actions put in place by cooperatives targeting different categories of vulnerable workers

- ◇ for workers in reintegration process – cooperative Juratri (France)
- ◇ for migrant workers - social cooperative Ecosviluppo by Fausto Gritti, CEO (Italy)
- ◇ for disabled workers (Czech Republic)
- ◇ for ex-offenders and drug addicts – cooperative consortium Vågen ut! by Sven Bartilsson, Coompanion (Sweden)

3.45 – 4.50 Session 2: Adequate policies and normative frameworks facilitating work integration of vulnerable groups

- Fundamental reasons for the success of Italian experience by Luca Del Pozzo - Vice-President, Confcooperative – Federsolidarietà
- Reaction from the representatives of vulnerable groups:
 - ◇ Barbara Helfferich - Director, European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)
 - ◇ Carlotta Besozzi – Director, European Disability Forum
- Reaction from the the European Parliament (tbc)

4.50 Conclusions by Guiseppe Guerini – President of Confcooperative – Federsolidarietà

5.00 Keynote speech by László Andor - European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
