

# Cooperatives care!

## How to empower cooperatives as frontrunners of innovation in the care sector?

November 15, 2022 - Brussels and online

12:30 Networking lunch

13:30 Opening words by Diana Dovgan, Secretary General, CECOP

13:40 Keynote speech by Nicolas Schmit, EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

13:50 Address by Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the European Parliament

14:05 Working conditions of care workers and citizens' perceptions of quality in long-term care by Maria Jepsen, Deputy Director of Eurofound

14:20 Panel discussion - **Technological innovation in care cooperatives: mission impossible? Testimonies from cooperatives across Europe.**

- Andere Goirigolzarri, Researcher in charge of innovation in cooperative group, Grupo SSI and Representative of the Care Group of COCETA (ES)
- Dafne Guida, President and General Manager, social cooperative Stripes (IT)

15:20 Coffee break

15:45 Panel discussion - **Social innovation in care cooperatives: innovative solutions for unmet needs. Testimonies from cooperatives across Europe.**

- Cheryl Barrott, Cooperative Guild of Social and Community Workers, Vice-Chair of Cooperatives UK (UK)
- Piotr Frołowicz, Chairman of the board, social cooperative Alivio Group (PL)
- Sébastien Tchernia, General Manager, cooperative Les 3 Colonnes du maintien au domicile (FR)

16:45 Panel discussion - **What future of the European Care Strategy?**

- Representative of European Commission (tbc)
- Thomas Bignal, Head of Policy, EASPD (European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities)
- Giuseppe Guerini, President of CECOP

17:15 End of the conference

Moderation by Valerio Pellirossi, Confcooperative Federsolidarietà

Interpretation in English, Spanish, French, and Italian

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