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**Dorotea Daniele** took a first degree in political science followed by a master's degree in international trade. She has been working for DIESIS since 2000. Before she had worked for the co-operative movement in Italy for more than 10 years. She has been in charge of transnational projects and European affairs for Federlavoro e Servizi (umbrella body of workers' co-operatives) and for CGM (national consortium of social co-operatives). Dorotea Daniele has long experience of European community initiatives linked to employment. She has a deep knowledge of the European integration process, with a particular emphasis on the themes of social policy, employment and training. Dorotea has been selected to be part of the GECES, the European Commission Expert Group on Social entrepreneurship that assists the EC in the implementation of the Social Business Initiative.

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**Risto Raivio** works as senior expert in European Commission's Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. He is part of a team focusing on social entrepreneurship. Previously Mr Raivio worked in the European Commission's DG Education and Culture, where he was successively in charge of the Europe for Citizens programme, vocational education and training policy and DG's cooperation with the OECD. He has also worked for the Committee of the Regions, an EU body representing local and regional authorities. During the fall semester 2011, Mr Raivio was a visiting EU fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and conducted a study on community colleges' role in supporting local skills development. Mr Raivio holds a PhD in social sciences from the University of Tampere in Finland.

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**William O'Keeffe** is a Policy Officer in the Skills and Qualifications Unit, of the Directorate Generale for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion in the European Commission. William is currently working on a revision of the Europass Framework, an EU service to support transparency and understanding of skills and qualifications. William is also responsible for policy implementation of the European digital competence (DigComp) and entrepreneurship competence (EntreComp) frameworks and is the contact for lifelong and career guidance policy within the Commission. William is currently on secondment from the Department of Education and Skills in Ireland where he worked on issues of recognition of foreign qualifications, qualifications frameworks and promotion of Europass in Ireland

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**Maria PODLASEK ZIEGLER** joined the European Commission in Brussels in 2007, where she has been working in the youth policy field with a focus on entrepreneurship education. She also managed European Union funding programmes for the benefit of youth work and non-formal learning sector as well as small businesses. Before working at the European Commission, Maria co-founded and managed a Polish-German publishing company based in Warsaw for 13 years; she also translated German books into Polish and published in various Polish newspapers and magazines. Maria Hold's Master Degree in German Philology from the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland, and a Postgraduate Degree in Journalism from Warsaw University

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**Gianluca Pastorelli** earned a first degree in Political Sciences at Bologna University, followed by a master's degree in advanced neuro-linguistic programming. Since the mid-90s he has been working as a researcher and consultant for the Co-operative and Social Economy movements both at national and at European level. While maturing a sound experience in project writing and management he has thereby gained a broad insight in the fields of social innovation, social dialogue and industrial relations, training, entrepreneurship. At the head of DIESIS for 10 years, he has coordinated and developed cross border studies, research and activities in line with SMEs and cooperatives needs and priorities in partnership with the main co-operative and social economy organisations all over Europe.

Marylee FARRUGIA  
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**Ms Farrugia Degabriele** is the manager of Koperattivi Malta and has extensive experience in managing small and large scale projects as well as has extensive experience in public procurement regulations. As a result of Farrugia Degabriele's past and ongoing managerial experience she is knowledgeable of management principles and has a problem solving attitude in projects. In Agroecvet 2.0 she played a managerial role by assuming a multitude of responsibilities, including planning, organizing, leading, overseeing and executing tasks are crucial to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

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**Christos Rakovitis** holds a Degree in Cultural Technologies and Communication (University of Aegean, Greece) and Master of Science (dist.) in Communication Networks and Software (University of Surrey, United Kingdom). He has expertise in a broad selection of technology-related applications, focused in mobile development. Since 2009, he has been working at HMA in the European Affairs Department, and being involved in international projects funded or co-funded by the EU such as LdV, Grundtvig, Interreg. Furthermore, he is actively involved in National projects co-funded by the EU, and e-learning software design and implementation.

Erdmuthe KLAER, REVES  
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**Erdmuthe Klaer-Morselli** is Deputy Secretary General at the European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy (REVES, aisbl). Since 2005 she is co-ordinating partnership-based activities of social economy and public authorities from different cities and regions all over Europe. She is also in charge of following related (legislative) initiatives of the various EU institutions and bodies. Erdmuthe has been active in the associative and solidarity-economy sectors in Germany and Belgium for many years. She studied communication and political science in Münster and Berlin (D) and holds a Master Degree in European Interdisciplinary Studies from the College of Europe/Warsaw campus.

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**Diana Filip** is currently Deputy CEO and Vice President for Marketing and Development at JA Europe. She holds a MBA from the Vlerick School of Management Leuven and a Masters in European Economic Integration from the Vrije Universiteit de Brussels. She started her career as an entrepreneur running her own company in Romania and she then moved to Brussels as President of the European Students Forum and consultant in Public Affairs. She joined JA Europe in 2004.

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**Marco Cilentio** is an adviser at the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC). After obtaining a PhD in Labour Law from the University of Pavia, he has been involved in the trade union movement as an expert on European labour law for the Italian Confederation CISL. From 2001 to 2006, he was the EWC's coordinator for the European Federation of Agriculture, Food Industry and Tourism sectors (EFFAT). Since 2006 he has been an adviser at the ETUC on migration policies and the coordination of collective bargaining. His research activities in the field of social Europe were developed during his time as Scientific Director of the Italian Research Institute Sindnova, a post he held until 2010, and he is still active within the research networks in the field of industrial relations in Europe.

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**Simone Baldassarri** joined the European Commission in 1999. He works as a policy officer in the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), where he is responsible for the promotion of entrepreneurship and for the implementation of the Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan. He is a specialist in the area of Entrepreneurship Education: fostering the entrepreneurial mindsets and skills of young people through education programs at school and university. He has been coordinating many EU initiatives and reports in this area.

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**Marie Boscher** has been working since 2011 at the European Commission. She is currently a Policy Officer in the Legal Migration and Integration Unit in DG Migration and Home Affairs. She graduated in Public Law at the University of Limoges (France) and obtained afterwards a Master in EU law at the Institut d'Etudes Européennes of the ULB (Belgium). She also holds a Master in English Literature. Before joining the Commission, she worked as an Assistant to the Procureur de la République in France and then as an Attorney in an international law firm in Brussels, where she focused on international law and EU law.

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**Jyostna Patel** has been a member of the AEIDL team since May 2009 and works on the European Social Fund (ESF) contract, where she is responsible for implementing the gender mainstreaming strategy in the Thematic Networks and is also the expert for the network on Migrants. Previously in AEIDL, Jyostna was monitoring and observing the work of ESF Learning Networks on: migrants and employment; gender mainstreaming; youth employment and on Roma. In the course of her career, Jyostna has worked on different grounds of discrimination (gender, race, age) in EU advocacy organisations. Jyostna also has a long standing interest in women's empowerment in India, her country of origin. Jyostna is a qualified social worker and has practiced in the UK. In 2003, she obtained a Masters of Philosophy in Policy-making on Race Equality in the EU from Coventry University. Jyostna speaks English, French and Gujarati.

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**Bruno Roelants** has been Secretary General of CICOPA since 2002 and of the regional organization CECOP CICOPA-Europe since 2006. He has worked on development projects in China, India, and Eastern Europe, and coordinated the 2002 cooperative movement negotiating group on the ILO Recommendation on the Promotion of Cooperatives (no. 193). He holds a master's degree in labour studies, has taught courses on cooperatives in Italy, and is the co-author of *Cooperatives, Territories and Jobs* (2011), as well as *Capital and the Debt Trap – Learning from Cooperatives in the Global Crisis* (2013). He also coordinated the report *Cooperative Growth for the 21st Century* (2013).

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**Pierluca Ghibelli** collaborates with "CGM" (Consorzio Nazionale della Cooperazione Sociale) where he is in charge of project management and financial reporting. Starting from 1999, he has been responsible for the international area of CGM as well as of maintaining relations with Europe. In 1999 Pierluca started his collaboration with Diesis in the field of project designing, monitoring and evaluation and starting from 2006 he has become advisory for Diesis. In 2008 he had the role of director for SOLIDARETE foundation founded by CGM, CTM e Focsiv and aimed to the internationalization of social enterprise