

Juan Antonio Pedreño re-elected as President of Social Economy Europe



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On Monday 16th April 2018, Social Economy Europe's 10th General Assembly, held in Sofia (Bulgaria), re-elected Juan Antonio Pedreño as President for the next three years. The meeting took place in the framework of the high-level conference "**Social Economy, for an economically sustainable and socially inclusive Europe**", organised by the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union on the 16th and 17th April 2018.

Furthermore, the General Assembly elected Alain Coheur (AIM), Emmanuel Verny (ESS-France) and Luigi Martignetti (REVES), as Vice-Presidents of Social Economy Europe. Aleksandra Kaydzhyska (AEIP), Helen Sheppard (AMICE), Joao Leite (CASES), Sébstien Pereau (ConcertES), Miguel Angel Cabra (EFC), Patrizia Bussi (ENSIE), Peru Sasia (FEBEA) and Maura Viezzoli (Forum Nazionale Terzo Settore) were appointed as members of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Giuseppe Guerini, President of CECOP-CICOPA Europe, and Ms. Nena Dokuzov, member of the management board of the Association Social Economy Slovenia, also participated at the meeting as special guests.

After his re-election as President of Social Economy, Juan Antonio Pedreño said "*The next three years will have a decisive importance for the future of the European social economy. From Social Economy Europe we will carry out an ambitious campaign for the European elections of 2019, we will cooperate with the European Commission and with all EU Institutions to develop a **European Action Plan for the Social Economy**, and we will continue working to strengthen our social basis as the voice of the 2.8 social economy enterprises and organisations in Europe*".

SEE 10th General Assembly also approved the Annual Report 2017 and the Work Plan for 2018, and debated about Social Economy Europe's draft policy paper on "***The future of EU policies for the Social Economy: towards an Action Plan***", that will be approved in June 2018.

SEE is the voice of social economy enterprises and organisations in Europe. Its members are the European organisations of mutual insurers and insurance cooperatives, health mutuals, foundations, paritarian institutions, associations of general interest, work integration social enterprises, ethical and alternative banks and financiers and cities and regions for the social economy. At national level, SEE members are the social economy umbrella organisations of Belgium (ConcertES), France (ESS-France), Italy (Forum Nazionale Terzo Settore), Portugal (CASES) and Spain (CEPES).

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