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IFISE- Innovative Financial Instruments in support to the social economy with the use of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)

IFISE Project – FINAL CONFERENCE

11 June 2019, 9h00-13h00

Regione Piemonte, Rue du Trône 62, 1050 Bruxelles (Ground floor conference room)

The **Conference is the final event of the IFISE project**¹, funded by the European Commission Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy.

The event is addressed to all **the stakeholders involved in implementing policies for the social economy and impact investing** at different institutional and territorial level, with the use of EU funding, and to potential financial intermediaries interested in exploring the world of financial mechanisms for the social sector.

Based on the results of the IFISE project, the regions of Piedmont, Lombardy, Valencia and Andalusia will bring their practical examples for the design of innovative financial instruments, such as a Social Impact bond and Social Investment fund. The complexity in the use of ERDF and ESF will also be tackled.

The event, in the session moderated by the European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA), will provide relevant insights from **real case studies** which will elaborate on the use of different type of EU funding beside structural funds.

A **conclusive roundtable** will focus on perspectives and opportunities for the social economy, from the current to the next programming period, with the participation of the *Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion* and the *Directorate-General for Economics and Financial Affairs* of the European Commission, public financial intermediaries and relevant stakeholders.

Due to limited capacity of the meeting room, registration is required at:

<https://www.openinnovation.regione.lombardia.it/IFISE>

The deadline for registration is set to 6th June. A confirmation of participation will be sent via e-mail.

¹ The IFISE project was developed by: **Piedmont (Finpiemonte)**, **Lombardy (Finlombarda and Regione Lombardia)**, **Andalusia (IDEA regional financial and development agency)** and **Valencia (Generalidad Valenciana and Institut Valencià de Finances)**.

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For more information:

<https://www.finpiemonte.it/lfise-project>

<https://www.fi-compass.eu/mra/multi-region-assistance-mra>



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Agenda

9,00 - 9,30 **Registration and Welcome coffee**

9,30 – 9,45 **Institutional Welcome speech**
Davide Donati, Head of Institutional Relations and European Affairs, Regione Piemonte

9,45 - 10,00 **Policies for Financial Instruments and the Multi-Region Assistance (MRA)**
‣ Adam Abdulwahab, European Commission DG REGIO B3 Financial instruments
‣ Eugenio Saba, European Investment Bank - fi-compass team

10,00 – 10,45 **IFISE – an MRA Project on Financial Instruments and the Social Economy**
‣ *Project activities and main results*, Susanna Longo, Finpiemonte
‣ *Feasibility aspects of an Impact Investment Fund*, Stefan Mathesius, IDEA
‣ *Feasibility aspects of a Social Impact Bond*, Laura Savini, Finlombarda

10,45 - 11,45 **Supporting social entrepreneurship and social innovation with the use of EU funding**
‣ *ESF contribution to the Portuguese Social Innovation Initiative*, Carla Pedro, CMCP Consult
‣ *EFSI first contribution to strengthen Belgian social entrepreneurs*, Daniel Sorrosal, Crédal
‣ *Investing in Social Impact Activities*, Jaime Vera Calonje, European Investment Fund
Moderator: Alessia Gianoncelli, Research Manager EVPA

Coffee break

12,00 - 12,50 **Round table: Opportunities for the social economy, from current to next programming period**
‣ Loris Di Pietrantonio, European Commission DG EMPL F1 ESF plus
‣ Filippo Munisteri, European Commission DG ECFIN G203 Invest EU
‣ Ann Branch, European Commission DG EMPL E1 Job creation
‣ Paola Delmonte, Cassa Depositi Prestiti
‣ Marcel ROY, European Association Public Bank (EAPB)
‣ Valentina Caimi, AEIDL Team Leader of ESF Transnational Platform
Moderator: Emil Abirascid, journalist

12,50 – 13,00 **Conclusions**
Andreu Iranzo Navarro, General Director of European Funds, Regional Government of Valencia

Light lunch
