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# EUCIS-LLL Public Hearing

## «*Social Innovation in Education and Training*»

6 March 2012 - 9:30 - 12:30

### AGENDA

#### Moderator

• René CLARIJS, representative of EAICY, external consultant on youth policy, education and social affairs and Vice-President of EUCIS-LLL

#### Speakers

- Welcome words from Ariane RODERT, EESC representative, rapporteur of a Committee opinion on "Social entrepreneurship and social enterprise", Sweden, Group III.
- Christopher CLOUDER, Director of the Botin Platform for Innovation in Education and CEO of the European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education which spans some 680 schools in 27 countries.

#### Case studies

- Nils PHILLIPS, Malmö Centre for Social Entrepreneurship, Folkuniversitetet, member of the European Association for the Education of Adults
- Martin BEGAUD, GENEPI, organisation promoting students' volunteering in Prisons
- Joe CULLEN, MENON/Tavistock, Links-up project

#### Closing words

• Lieve VAN DEN BRANDE, Senior Policy Officer responsible for "ICT and education", Directorate General Education and Culture, European Commission

#### Discussion with the participants

### Issues at stake

Today little is known about social innovation compared to the vast amount of research into innovation in business and science. EUCIS-LLL understands **social innovation as changes in ideas, practices and institutions that aim to resolve existing social, cultural, economic and environmental challenges** for the general interest. We talk about "social" innovation because society is at the core of the analysis. In education and training, it covers a wide range of models from childcare to web-based learning, second-chance schools, to the delivery of learning in prisons or in hospitals. Social innovation supports greater inclusion and equity in our education and training systems and in our societies.

EUCIS-LLL considers that access and participation to learning is a crucial determinant of social cohesion, economic competitiveness and the exercise of citizenship. If social innovation aims to resolve

existing challenges then innovation should take place at all levels and in all sectors of education and training in a lifelong learning perspective. Indeed, struggling against risks of exclusion requires innovative initiatives not only in applying new technologies but also in proposing innovative pedagogies and looking at more sustainable governance and partnerships. Social innovation is also about finding the appropriate drivers to give people enthusiasm about acquiring learning. Peer learning activities and the participation in European or International projects or networks proved to be very positive in motivating actors and for capacity building.

This seminar aims to give an insight on social innovation dynamics that are generally bottom-up and on how to create a favourable environment in Europe to stimulate innovation in teaching and learning.

#### VENUE

European Economic and Social Committee  
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