

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
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EACB Regulatory Debate

Celebration of the 200th Raiffeisen's anniversary

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Draft programme



BACKGROUND

The regulatory debate 2018 aims at continuing the dialogue between high-level co-operative banks representatives, EU policy makers, authorities and stakeholders at a crucial period of the EU legislative process. Indeed, the EU Institutions' mandate will end in 2019. Mid 2018 coincides with the time limit to table new initiatives and finalise the outstanding ones, including key milestones such as the completion of the banking union, of the capital market union, the banking package and prudential regulation review, the implementation of IFRS 9 and so on- according to the ambitious EU Commission's work plan 2018.

Those initiatives are likely to reshape the core features of co-operative banks and affect their ability to continue financing local growth. This is why the regulatory debate aims at ensuring that co-operative banks specificities are understood and taken into account by policy makers and regulators so that the co-operative banks difference in terms of ownership structure, organisational settings, risk profiles and economic and social role are not undermined.

In light of the above, the regulatory **debate will look into evolutions in both the Regulatory and supervisory environment and touch upon issues** such as:

- The overall regulatory framework produced over the last years both on the prudential side (CRR/CRD4) and on the product side (MIFID2, PRIIPs, EMIR, PSD2, GDPR): impact on co-operative banks.
- What views and recommendations in the context of the completion of the banking union (ESAS review, EDIS)?
- Developments in EU banking supervision: how is proportionality taken into account?
- How to adapt the resolution framework to co-operative banks?
- New governance requirements and co-operative banks specificities.



DRAFT PROGRAMME

13h30-14h00

Registrations

14h00 – 14h20

Opening session

- **Gerhard Hofmann**, President, European Association of Co-operative Banks
- Representative, European Economic and Social Committee

14h20 - 15h20

Regulatory debate Panel 1: "Supervisory and Resolution framework in EU: an impediment to banking diversity"?

- **Linette Field**, European Central Bank
- **Dominique Laboureix**, Member of the Board, Single Resolution Board
- **High Level Representatives of co-operative banks**

15h20 -15h45

Coffee break

15h45 – 16h50

Regulatory debate Panel 2: "How far is the regulatory framework reshaping the co-operative banks business model?"

- **Martin Merlin**, European Commission
- **Peter Simon**, European Parliament (tbc)
- **High Level Representatives of co-operative banks**

16h50 – 17h15

Key note

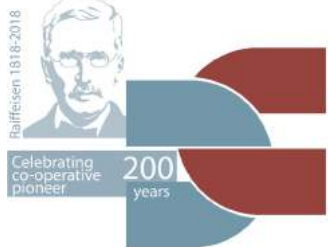
- **Jan Smets**, Governor of the National Bank of Belgium and Member of the Governing Council and the General Council of the European Central Bank

17h30– 19h00

"Celebrating the Raiffeisen idea: the distinctive features of co-operative banks today and tomorrow" - Cocktail

2018 also marks the 200 anniversary of Raiffeisen (the Raiffesien idea is UNESCO World heritage). Short statements by top co-operative banks leaders, EU Institutions and international organisations will highlight the roots and the values of co-operative banks.

- **Frankie Depickere**, President, International Raiffeisen Union
- **Wiebe Draijer**, CEO, Rabobank (tbc)
- **Jaap Winter**, Professor, INSEAD (tbc)
- **Gerhard Hofmann**, President, European Association of Cooperative Banks
- **Release New booklet** EACB for the Raiffeisen's 200th celebration, **Hans Groeneveld**, Tias



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About EACB

The European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB) represents, promotes and defends the common interests of its 28 member institutions and of cooperative banks, with regard to banking as well as to co-operative legislation.

Founded in 1970, today the EACB is a leading professional lobbying association in the European banking industry. Co-operative banks play a major role in the financial and economic system.

They contribute widely to stability thanks to their anti-cyclical behaviour, they are driver of local and social growth with 3.135 locally operating banks and 58,000 outlets, they serve 209 million customers, mainly consumers, SMEs and communities.

Europe's co-operative banks represent 80.5 million members and 742,000 employees and have an average market share of about 20%.