



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

# 5<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2012  
LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE SOLVAY, BRUSSELS

The **HIGH LEVEL GLOBAL EVENT** Dedicated to Co-operative Banks



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## CO-OPERATIVE BANKS: RECONCILING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS

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## BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

The 5th Convention on Co-operative Banks will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at La Bibliothèque Solvay in Brussels, in the context of the United Nations' International Year of Co-operatives (IYC) with its motto "*co-operative enterprises build a better world*".

At European level, the Single Market Act has triggered a number of initiatives within the EU institutions, and stakeholders are looking with interest at co-operatives and co-operative banks as sustainable models for the economy. In this context, the 5th Convention will provide an opportunity to highlight the values and role of co-operative banks in reconciling economic and social needs. It will also provide a platform to discuss policy recommendations in line with the co-operative business model.

Three round tables will discuss this issue from different perspectives, focusing on a number of key questions: What are the specific and unique characteristics of co-operative banks? How do they contribute to meeting social, environmental and governance goals? How do the EU, international institutions, academics and stakeholders view co-operative banks and what do they expect from them? What does the future hold for the sector? What challenges do co-operative banks face in light of the new EU regulatory framework and in particular the Banking Union project?

In this respect, a new survey by the consultancy group Oliver Wyman will be presented.

## PROGRAMME

**Facilitator** >> **Jacki Davis**, Managing Director, Meade Davis Communications

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**09:00-09:30**      **Registration**

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**09:30-09:40**      **Opening of EACB's 5th Convention**

>> **Christian Talgorn**, President, European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB)

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**09:40-11:10**      **ROUND TABLE 1 Banking legislation proposals and the project of the European Banking Union: what implications for co-operative banks?**

This panel will discuss European and International regulatory issues with particular focus on the new plans to create a European banking union with a single European banking supervisor, a common EU deposit-guarantee scheme and a single bank-resolution fund. High-level representatives of the EU institutions, other financial services regulators and co-operative banks will exchange views on current global challenges that are raising a number of questions about the impact of all these developments on co-operative banks as key players in financing the local economy.

**Panellists**

- >> **Nadia Calviño**, Deputy Director General, Internal Market and Services, European Commission
- >> **Neil Esho**, Senior Member of the Secretariat, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
- >> **Gerhard Hofmann**, Vice-President, European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB) & Board Member, Bundesverband der Deutschen Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken (BVR)
- >> **Thierry Philipponnat**, Secretary General, Finance Watch
- >> **Fatima Pires**, Deputy Head of Financial Services Division, European Central Bank
- >> **Gianni Pittella**, MEP & Vice-President, European Parliament
- >> **Representative**, EU Presidency

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**11:10-11:40**      **Coffee Break**

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11:40-12:45

## ROUND TABLE 2 Co-operative banks: committed players for sustainable and equitable growth

This panel will highlight the role of co-operative banks as socially responsible organisations deeply involved in their local communities. The discussion will focus on the sector's role in funding social projects, in socially responsible investment and green banking, and in supporting local economies. Representatives of co-operative banks will present best practices and exchange views with stakeholders from various backgrounds bringing perspectives from the real economy (SMEs, regions, NGOs) and from the academia.

### Panellists

- >> **Rym Ayadi**, Senior Research Fellow, Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- >> **Andrea Benassi**, Secretary General, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME)
- >> **Jeroo Billimoria**, Founder, ChildFinance
- >> **Etienne Pflimlin**, Honorary President, Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel
- >> **Gerhard Stahl**, Secretary General, European Committee of the Regions
- >> **Representative**, Co-operative Bank

12:45-13:15

- >> **Michel Barnier**, Member of the European Commission, Responsible for Internal Market and Services

13:15-14:30

## LUNCH - OFFICIAL CEREMONY

### First EACB Award for young researchers on co-operative banks

- >> **Hervé Guider**, General Manager, European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB)

14:30-16:00

## ROUND TABLE 3 The way forward: what future for co-operative banks and co-operatives in the context of the International Year of Co-operatives

This final session will focus on how co-operative banks contribute to "build a better world" by helping to meet economic, environmental and social needs, in line with the goals of the UN's International Year of Co-operatives and the Europe 2020 strategy for more balanced and sustainable growth. High-level representatives from the UN, the European institutions, co-operatives, co-operative banks and researchers will hear the results of a survey on co-operative banks and discuss how the sector's business model contributes to financial stability and sustainability. This panel will seek to identify some key priorities to address the challenges facing co-operative banks and co-operatives as the International Year draws to a close, to enable the sector to maximise its contribution to addressing the wider challenges facing Europe now and in the future.

### Panellists

- >> **Daniel Calleja**, Director General, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission
- >> **Sven Giegold**, MEP, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament
- >> **Pauline Green**, President, International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)
- >> **Monique Leroux**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Caisse Desjardins Group
- >> **Véronique McCarroll**, Partner, Oliver Wyman
- >> **Masataka Miyazono**, Deputy President & Co-Chief Executive Officer, Norinchukin Bank
- >> **Gerlinde Silvis**, Vice-President, European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB) & Member of the Executive Board, Rabobank Nederland

16:00-16:20

## Closing Keynote Speech

- >> **Olivier Pastré**, Professor University Paris VIII

16:20-16:30

## Concluding Remarks

- >> **Christian Talgorn**, President, European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB)

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### AUDIENCE

The convention will attract 200 participants from the co-operative banks, other bankers, EU institutions, International organizations, academics, think tanks, press and relevant stakeholders.

### LANGUAGES

Simultaneous translation into English, French, German and Italian will be provided during the sessions.

### REGISTRATION

Seats are limited for this event.

- >> Attendance to the EACB 5<sup>th</sup> convention is free of charge for EACB members, EU officials and public authorities and Government representatives.
- >> All other participants will be asked to pay a fee of 250€ for early birds registrations until 30 October 2012 and of 300€ after 30 October 2012.
- >> To register, please send a email to [eacb@emcnet.eu](mailto:eacb@emcnet.eu) with your full contact details or [click here](#).  
 The convention secretariat will send you an acknowledgment of receipt and provide you the information to access to La Bibliothèque Solvay.

### VENUE

The EACB 5<sup>th</sup> convention will take place at **La Bibliothèque Solvay**

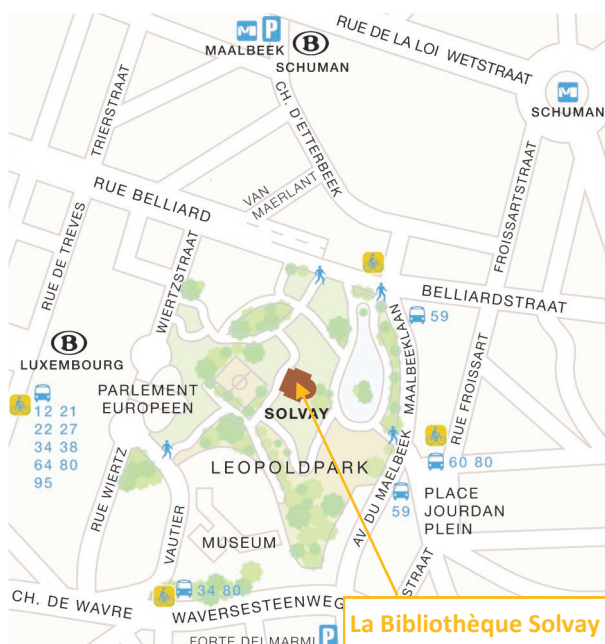
Leopold Park, Rue Belliard 137, B-1040 Brussels.

Once you arrive, the hostesses will greet you and give you your badge with the convention documents.

### HOTELS

There are plenty of hotels located in the vicinity of La Bibliothèque Solvay including:

- >> Sofitel Brussels Europe Hotel (place Jourdan)  
Tel: +32(0)2 235 51 00
- >> Thon Hotel EU (rue de la Loi)  
Tel: +32(0)2 204 3911
- >> Renaissance Brussels Hotel (near pl. du Luxembourg)  
Tel: +32(0)2 505 29 29



**For EACB Members only, special rates are available at the following hotels until 5 November 2012**

- >> Royal Windsor Hotel (5\*) (rue Duquesnoy)  
Tel: +32(0)2 505 55 55  
Rates: Single room 189€|Double room 189€|Breakfast 29€
- >> Leopold Hotel (4\*) (rue du Luxembourg)  
Tel: +32(0)2 511 18 28  
Rates: Single room 160€|Double room 180€|Breakfast inc.
- >> Stanhope Hotel (5\*) (rue du Commerce)  
Tel: +32(0)2 506 91 11  
Rates: Single room 190€|Breakfast inc.|9.28€ city tax (special rate available until 24 October 2012)

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