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2. Presentation of ENSIE a.s.b.l.

ENSIE (European Network for Social Integration Enterprises), asbl, brings together some national and regional networks and federations for social integration economy. Networks and federations are made up of Social Integration Enterprises. The identifying principles of the Social Integration Enterprises are:

- **enterprises whose social objective is the social integration and citizenship**: Their fundamental and initial objective is the social and professional integration of individuals who through their exclusion and their relegation to a marginal role in society have fallen victim to increasing social and professional handicaps. The social enterprises continue to play an ongoing role in the social and professional requalification training that restores to individuals at risk, individuals that are vulnerable and have become marginal, the status of gainfully employed workers. They offer such individuals the opportunity to prepare themselves for their integration into the labour force and to gain access to employment and the training to acquire needed skills.

- **enterprises at the core of the economic system**: In their drive towards their social objectives, the social integration enterprises have decided to carry on their activities at the very core of what is most frequently a major factor in the phenomenon of exclusion: the economic system. Faced with concrete situations and their inherent pressures, all of the actors involved in social integration enterprises are forced to overcome the challenges of productivity and, by this fact, of integration. This aspect of integration in a concrete economic context that is subjected to market demand constitutes an effective instrument for the individual and collective upgrading of excluded and marginal persons. This very position induces an obligation towards continuous innovation impacting on the very core of the enterprise.

- **enterprises with a strong pedagogical dimension**: The social integration enterprises initiate educational programs designed on the basis of existing potential within the enterprise.
  - Programs of socialisation based, on the one hand, on the rights and privileges of the employed persons and, on the other hand, on the human entrepreneurial community.
  - Programs designed for professional training within a concrete production environment.
  - Programs covering the scope for integration based, on the one hand, on the necessity for dealing with problems and, on the other hand, on the management of integration at the workplace or place of production.
  - Programs of citizenship based on information and the training of the role of the employed individuals within the activity and the administration of the enterprise and on the practice of democratic economy.
2.1 Objectives of the network

ENSIE takes as its objective the representation, maintenance, and development within the European Union of networks and federations for economic social integration in Europe. ENSIE seeks in particular to:

- reinforce social integration economy actors by the exchange between the member organizations,
- stimulate co-operation and partnerships by promoting good practices and by distributing research results and new applications,
- organize information exchange between members about national and local legislative policies,
- to represent the network and to promote its activities in all relevant European levels,
- work out texts and proposals in order to contribute to the definition of fight against exclusion European policies,
- develop a close and solid co-operation with other European social economy networks.

ENSIE wants to contribute to a socially sustainable development in the European Union. That includes the following aspects:

- the labour market and social integration of vulnerable groups by improving their employability and productivity,
- the economic viability of social integration companies and the reinforcement of their economic role in general,
- equal opportunities for all by supporting the European Union strategy (gender mainstreaming).

2.2 The structure of the network

At the moment, ENSIE a.s.b.l. gathers 13 national and regional networks, representing 9 countries of the European Union (Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and United Kingdom) and one European confederation.

All these networks pursue, in a manner adapted to local constraints, objectives of social integration of disfavoured publics. Together, they totalise approximately some 2 200 Social Integration Enterprises, and more than 320 000 salaried persons.

An European network:

- CECOP, European Confederation of Workers’ Co-operatives, Social Cooperatives and Social and Participative Enterprises;

Some national networks:

Austria:
European Network for Social Integration Enterprises a.s.b.l.
N° Enterprise: 475.190.924

- **BDV**, Bundesdachverband für Soziale Unternehmen

**France:**
- **CNEI**, Comité National des Entreprises d'Insertion
- **COORACE**, Coordination des Associations d'Aides aux Chômeurs pour l'Emploi

**Germany:**
- **BAG Arbeit**, Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Arbeit e.V

**Grand Duchy of Luxembourg:**
- **OPE**, Objectif Plein Emploi

**Ireland:**
- **DEP**, Dublin Employment Pact

**Spain:**
- **FAEDEI**, Federación de Asociaciones Empresariales de Empresas de Inserción

**United Kingdom:**
- **SOCIAL FIRMS IN UK**

**Some regional networks:**

**Belgium (Wallonia):**
- **RES**, Réseau d’Entreprises Sociales

**Belgium (Flanders):**
- **SST**, Samenwerkingsverband Sociale Tewerkstelling

**Spain:**
- **FEICAT**, Federació d'Empreses d'Inserció de Catalunya

**A local network:**

**Italy:**
- **CSAL**, Consorzio Sociale Abele Lavoro

**The new member:**

COORACE was born in 1985 from the merger of different initiatives in the fight against unemployment. Its fundamentals are the work which is a fundamental right for everybody and a key in the access to dignity and active citizenship and the economic activity viewed as a motor in the social integration. COORACE is present in different sector:

- The integration by economic activity with 82 000 employees and a turnover of 256 millions €.
- The services to the person with 7000 employees and a turnover of 50 millions €.
3. Meetings of the decision-making bodies

The General Assembly of ENSIE took place in Gent, the 22th of June 2009.

The Boards of directors have been organised in:

- Brussels, the 30th of January 2009,
- Barcelona, the 14th of September 2009.
4. Institutional representation and contacts

4.1 International level

4.1.1 RIPESS Network

The RIPESS aims at contributing to a better cohesion of the practices of the Social Solidarity Economy and to empower the various actors concerned with this sector in the whole world.

Every four years, RIPESS network organizes, in partnership with continental organizations, an intercontinental meeting to promote the various ways of thinking social economy.

The European Institute for Solidarity based Economy (INEES), based in Luxembourg and animated by Eric Lavillunière, was promoted as organizer of the 4th international forum Lux’09 “Globalisation of Solidarity”, which has been held in Schifflange (Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg) from the 22nd to the 25th of April, 2009.

The meeting organised a conference with several workshops, plenary sessions, continental and intercontinental meetings.

From 2008, ENSIE took part in the meetings for the organization and was named moderating network of the workshop “solidarity-based entrepreneurship”.

The little description of the workshop “solidarity-based entrepreneurship’:

- In a world where economy seems to have become a basic value, a multitude of initiatives testify to the fact that other approaches to entrepreneurship are possible. We need to put people before profit.

- This creates added value of a different kind: jobs and activities that produce income for people who have been marginalized, participative management methods and capacity building, ethical and fair trade, collective means of production, non-monetary-based pay, new local activities that also aim to protect the environment....

- This is all work in progress, and the creative possibilities that it opens are endless. The diversity developed in both the North and the South needs to be shared by all to achieve the birth of a truly social solidarity economy.

Three members: OPE, FADEI and Bag Arbeit participated also at this workshop.

More information in the website: www.lux09.org

4.2 European level

4.2.1 European Economic and Social Committee

Salvatore Vetro and Justine Constant assisted in the conference “Getting to the End of the Tunnel: Creating the Right Environment for the Social Economy, the 22nd of October 2009.
4.2.2 The European Commission – “Enterprises and Industry” Directorate general

The 28th of January, Salvatore Vetro and Patrizia Busi met Mr. Nikolov - the GD ENTERPRISES of the Commission. They talked and discussed about the study on practices and policies in the social enterprise sector and about the final conference, which had been held on the 6 Mars.

The 6th of March, Salvatore Vetro was the speaker for ENSIE at the European Conference on Social Enterprises (presentation) the study “Practices and Policies in the Social Enterprise Sector in Europe” and he introduced the ENSIE network.

The 28th of July, Justine Constant met Mr. Iokimidis – the GD ENTERPRISES of the Commission, with Mr. Valerio from BBI. They talked and discussed about the involvement of the GD ENTREPRISES in the Social Economy field. This meeting has for objectives to explain the role of the EU Institutions in the SE field for the Romanian project ‘Social Economy / innovatory model for promoting active inclusion of vulnerable groups’ and to promote the project at the EU level.

4.2.3 The European Commission – “Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities” Directorate general

In the beginning of the year, Salvatore Vetro and Patrizia Busi met Mr. Saint-Denis - GD EMPLOYMENT of the Commission. Consequently to the June 2008 peer review meeting, Mr. Saint Denis gave some suggestions to ENSIE in order to increase the State member’s awareness about the social integration enterprises, especially where they are not so developed (eastern countries).

The 4th of August, Justine Constant and Salvatore Vetro met Mr. Saint-Denis – the GD EMPLOYMENT in the Commission, with Mr. Valerio from BBI. They talked and discussed about the involvement of the GD ENTREPRISES in the Social Economy field. This meeting has for objectives to explain the role of the EU Institutions in the SE field for the Romanian project ‘Social Economy / innovatory model for promoting active inclusion of vulnerable groups’ and to promote the project at the EU level.

4.2.4 European Parliament

European Parliament Resolution on Social Economy (Report Toia) – February 2009

An own initiative report enables the European Parliament to address issues that could be neglected by other EU institutions. Through these own initiative reports, the European Parliament calls for the European Commission to act on specific issues and lists necessary means to meet the stated goals. Own initiative reports express the opinion of the European Parliament only after they are formally adopted in plenary and, even after having been adopted, these reports are not European law – they represent an opinion on a specific subject.

In 2005, the Social Economy Intergroup of the European Parliament proposed the elaboration of an own initiative report on social economy. SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE (CEP-CMAF) presented “proposal for a parliamentary initiative in favour of the social economy” to the president of the intergroup (M. Philippe BUSQUIN – BE – PES). In September 2008, the European Parliament’s Conference of Presidents assigned Ms Patrizia TOIA (IT – ALDE) as rapporteur for the Employment
and Social Affairs Committee. On 19th of February 2009, the report was adopted with nearly 80% of the votes in plenary (580 votes in favour, 27 against and 44 abstentions).

The “Toia report” was elaborated with the active participation of SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE and its members (proposal of the draft report and participation in the elaboration of the final report). Points put forward in the report focused on the subject of the recognition as being the first step towards political existence: Recognition of the concept of social economy – Legal recognition: European statutes for associations, foundations and mutual societies – Statistical recognition – Recognition as a social partner – Recognition of social economy as a key operator for fulfilling the Lisbon Strategy objectives.

In January 2009, just before vote in plenary, SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE organised a public hearing in the European Parliament, in collaboration with the ALDE group. Many members were present: Ms Patrizia TOIA (ALDE); Ms Marian HARKIN (ALDE); Ms Anne FERREIRA (PES); Ms Donata GOTTARDI (PES); M Joel HASSE FERREIRA (PES); M Iles BRAGHETTO (EPP); Ms Idla FIGUEIREDO (GUE). They expressed their support for the report. This event was also an occasion for the social economy actors to clarify specific issues that were addressed in the report.

SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE organised a press conference following the announcement of the results of the vote.

Parliamentary Inter-group of “Social economy”

SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE is in charge of the social economy intergroup’s secretariat. Working in coordination with the European Parliament, SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE proposes agenda items as well as participants, brings logistical support and sends invitations to civil society representatives. SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE also updates the webpage dedicated to the intergroup activities on its website.

The social economy intergroup held two meetings in 2009 (in January and in March). These two meetings enabled the validation of the intergroup’s memorandum 2009 (available in five languages) and the establishment of a social economy follow-up strategy, including the request for a meeting with M. Barroso. Salvatore Vetro and Patrizia Bussi took part at these meetings.

During the European pre-elections period, SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE launched a campaign in favour of the renewal of the European Parliament’s social economy intergroup, in order to raise awareness amongst the candidates on social economy. SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE started promoting the renewal of the intergroup just after the release of the outcome of the vote of the “Toia report”.

ENSIE was particularly mobilised during the European elections and in the renewal of the European Parliamentary Intergroup of Social Economy. ENSIE contacted all its members to obtain the support of the European parliamentarians in favour of a SE intergroup. To obtain an intergroup, it’s necessary to obtain the support of at least 3 different European political groups Requests of an intergroup are many but the number of intergroups is limited to 27.

Mid-December 2009, the European Parliament Conference of Presidents validated the renewal of the social economy intergroup – with support of the political groups from the EPP, S&D and the Greens.
The intergroup ‘Social Economy’ is one of the 27 intergroups of this new term in the European Parliament. The intergroup Public Services is also accepted.

**4.2.5 The Council of Europe – “Social Policy Department – Social Cohesion Development and Research Division”**

The 10th of August 2009, Justine Constant and Salvatore Vetro met Mr. Thirion and Ms. Farell – the GD SOCIAL COHESION in the Council of Europe, with Mr. Valerio from BBI. They talked and discussed about the involvement of the Council of Europe in the Social Economy field. This meeting has for objectives to explain the role of the EU Institutions in the SE field for the Romanian project ‘Social Economy / innovatory model for promoting active inclusion of vulnerable groups’ and to promote the project at the EU level. They also received a presentation of IRIS (the Inter-Network of Ethical and Solidarity-based initiatives) where the Council of Europe is also implicated.

**4.2.6 IRIS - The Inter-network of Ethical and Solidarity-based Initiatives**

IRIS was founded the 15th January 2007. IRIS is a dialogue and cooperation space between European and international networks representing different families of responsible economy initiatives: responsible finance (FEBEA, INAISE), Fair Trade (WFTO), responsible consumption (ASECO, URGenci) and Social Integration Enterprises (ENSIE), with the participation and support of institutional partners (Council of Europe and the Trento Autonomous Province, Italy). It aims at creating synergies between these various families, in particular for the fight against poverty and social exclusion and the promotion of social development by solidarity links.

IRIS leads also projects in which ENSIE is participating (see chapter 5).

**4.2.7 SEE – Social Economy Europe**

Ensie, through Salvatore Vetro, Patrizia Bussi and Justine Constant, took part actively in the 5 plenary sessions of Social Economy Europe, in 2009.

ENSIE is a member of SEE since September 2008 and is recognised as the organization of social economy, privileged contacts for the specific problems relating to the social integration companies.

SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE is the EU-level representative institution for the social economy. SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE was set up in November 2000, under the name of CEP-CMAF.

SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE aims to promote the social and economic input of the social economy enterprises and organisations, to promote the role and values of social economy actors in Europe and to reinforce the political and legal recognition of the social economy and of cooperatives, mutual societies, associations and foundations (CMAF) at EU level.

The 20th of November, Justine Constant met Ms. Karine Pflüger with Mr. Valerio from BBI. They talked and discussed about the role of Social Economy Europe. This meeting has for objectives to explain the role of SEE in the SE field for the Romanian project ‘Social Economy / innovatory model for promoting active inclusion of vulnerable groups’ and to promote the project at the EU level.
5. Activities in order to promote the social integration enterprises entrepreneurship

5.1 Project

5.1.1 SYSCOM - Systematic Competency Documentation in Social Integration Enterprises

During 2008, this project has been presented in the framework of the Lifelong Learning Program by the German network Bag Arbeit. The other partners are the Austrian network BDV, the Belgian-Flanders network SST, a Polish network TRATWA, an evaluation experts association FAST and ENSIE. The aim of the project is to ensure that the Social integration Enterprises, who play an intrinsic role across Europe in developing competencies particularly in low skilled and qualified persons, are included in the existing debate about competency-orientated documentation systems and the development of the European Qualification Framework (EQF) and National Qualification Framework (NQF). The project has been accepted in 2008 but the activities started in 2009.

In this project, ENSIE is the main partner for the activities European transfer and the development of the final recommendations. The project foresees 5 meetings in two years for the ENSIE members. Three meeting was organised in 2009 but just one was also for the ENSIE members: Gent, the 22nd and 23rd of June 2009.

The Steering Committee was in Berlin, the 22nd and 23rd of January 2009. Patrizia Bussi took part at this meeting. One other meeting was organised in October, in Berlin but the presence of the ENSIE was not necessary.

The meeting in Gent introduced the project, the European Qualification Framework and its implications and the National Qualification Framework in Germany, Austria, Flanders and Poland. Nine members of ENSIE participated: Bag Arbeit, SST, BDV, FEICAT, FADEI, CSAL, RES, Dublin Employment Pact, Social Firms in UK.

For the dissemination of the information, ENSIE created a website: www.syscomproject.eu where all the documentation, presentations and information are available. This website is running since the 1st of October 2009.

5.1.2 Social Economy, an Innovative Model for Promoting Active Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups

Presentation of the project

At the beginning of 2008, the Labour, Family and Social Protection Ministry of Romania asked the ENSIE’s transnational partnership for a project, presented under the European Social Fund, whose main aim is the social economy development. The project has very big aims:

- Research on the state of play and opportunities concerning social economy in Europe and Romania;
- Development of an adequate Romanian legal framework;
- Establishment of resource centres at national and local level;
- Development and provision of specialised training and formal education;
- Establishment of national and transnational partnerships;
- Information and awareness raising;
- Support to emerging social enterprises (pilot projects).

ENSIE is involved in the following activities:

- Analyses EU legislation and policies in the field of social economy;
- Analyses the social economy mechanisms from the other EU member states, including financial opportunities;
- Identifies models that can be adapted to the Romanian context;
- Facilitates communication between relevant actors from the EU and Romania;
- Organizes the study visits and transnational seminars;
- Coordinates the activity related to the participation at education and training programs abroad;
- Facilitates communication between transnational networks in the social economy field, social enterprises as well as pilots of social economy in Romania.

The project partners are:

- Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection, Department of Social Inclusion Programs
- European Network for Social Integration Enterprises
- Bernard Brunhes International
- National Employment Agency Integra Romania
- General Department for Social Assistance and Child Protection, Bucharest Sector 1
- Department for Social Assistance, Timişoara
- City Hall, Piatra Neamţ

The timetable of the project

The project has, officially, begun in November 2008 but it really began in June 2009 and the partnership agreement between the Romanian Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and ENSIE was only signed and transmit to ENSIE, the 22nd of November 2009. From June 2009, the staff of ENSIE started to work a lot for the project but decided to not involved its members before the signature of the partnership agreement. Since the 22nd of November, ENSIE (staff and members) is working fully for the project.
Currently, several difficulties explain the significant delay of the project. Indeed, the Romanian Ministry isn’t really prepared to lead such scope European project: Romania entered in Europe only in January 2007 and didn’t establish the process about the utilisation of European funds, the staff of the Romanian Ministry in charge of this project (and others European projects) is very reduced and we are in a period relatively unstable in Romania.

The work done by ENSIE

Patrizia Bussi participated in the first Steering Committee with all the partners in the project, in Bucharest, the 25th of March 2009 and introduced ENSIE Network to the other partners.

Salvatore Vetro took part in a work meeting with one representative of the Romanian Ministry and with BBI (Bernard Brunhes International) to organise the first component, the survey and research - preparation for setting a sustainable national framework on social economy and especially the research about SE in the European level.

In September 2009, Justine Constant spends 4 days in Bucharest and Salvatore Vetro 2 days to meet the interlocutors of the Romanian Ministry and to work with BBI. With the interlocutors of the Romanian Ministry, they discussed about our partnership agreement and the accountancy procedures. And with BBI, they organised the following of the research, especially the specific work which will involved ENSIE members. They also reflected about the education and training and the communication components.

In this project, ENSIE decided to involve directly its members: use their skills, knowledge, contacts and networks. The implication of the members was only effective when the agreement partnership was signed but ENSIE started to explain the work to be done by members since September. All the members were agreed to participate in the project and had started to work effectively in 2010.

The work of the members concerns 9 countries: Austria (bdv), Germany (Bag Arbeit), Belgium (RES and SST), France (CNEI), Luxembourg (OPE), United-Kingdom (Social Firms in UK), Ireland (Dublin Employment Pact), Spain (FEICAT and FAEDELI) and Italia (CSAL).

This work consists in 3 researches: a research on the legislative framework at the national level in the social economy field, a research about the enterprises of social economy and a research about the existing trainings in Social Economy at the academic level. The 2 first researches have to be done to answer to a questionnaire (questionnaire at the national level and questionnaire at the enterprise level). These 2 questionnaires were realized by ENSIE and BBI in English.

ENSIE also organised several meetings with the European Institutions and networks with the objectives of explaining the role of the EU Institutions in the SE field and to promote the project at the EU level.

ENSIE participated in the research and in the writing and commenting of the draft report about the Social Economy at the European level.
5.1.3 Initiatives Citizens for a responsible economy in Central and Eastern Europe

This project is managed by IRIS and Ensie is responsible for the development of some social integration enterprises. The project foresees working time and some travels.

The first travel was organized the 23rd and the 24th of March. Patrizia Bussi went to Timisoara and with the coordination of Mihaela Vetan, organised a workshop to explain the Social Integration Enterprises’ concept to some Romanian entrepreneurs.


This fair was organized to improve and reaffirm the nature of the territory of coresponsability in the town of Timisoara.

The main objectives of this approach were:
- To promote the ethical and solidarity-based initiatives and the importance of the responsible acts in the daily life,
- To understand the local contest: the advantages and disadvantages of the Romanian situation,
- To identify and to reflect about concrete activities to improve the indicators of well-being.

Justine Constant, coordinator of ENSIE and Maria Nieves Ramos Rosario, member of ENSIE and president of the Spanish national network FAEDEI, coordinated the workshop ‘The professional integration of vulnerable people – the integration enterprises’ and they introduced the main characteristics of the social integration enterprises (members of ENSIE) and Maria Nieves Ramos Rosario explained the specific case of Spain in the development of a legislative framework of integration enterprises.

5.1.4 Quality working group

The working group «Quality» was created but we didn’t really have the time and opportunity to work on this, in 2009. It was decide to wait until the end of another project before to start a new one but this topic stays important because the quality justifies us as social integration enterprises.

5.1.5 GRUNDTVIG project

In 2009, a GRUNDTVIG project had been deposited by ENSIE and 3 members (bdv, Bag Arbeit and CSAL) to the initiative of the Italian network CSAL which should have been the coordinator.

CSAL didn’t obtain the budget for this project but the 3 others partners decided to continue the project. ENSIE deposited its project in the Flemish Community of Belgium (the French Community doesn’t accept to finance European network).

The project is called breakable workers and will concern the insertion of vulnerable groups to the labour market. It will be 4 meetings of 2 days with one day of research/presentations and one day of study visits. The project is taking part during 2 years (September 2009 – August 2011).
coordination’s role was shared equal between the 3 partners left. In the end of the project, a report on these meetings has to be produced.

The project didn’t really start in 2009 due to the absence of the original leading partner and the first meeting is planned for the beginning of 2010.
5.2 Speeches and participation to meetings and workshops

5.2.1 European Commission – DG Enterprises and Industry

The 6th of March, Salvatore Vetro was the speaker for ENSIE at the European Conference on Social Enterprises (presentation) the study “Practices and Policies in the Social Enterprise Sector in Europe” and he introduced the ENSIE network.

5.2.2 EESC Hearing – ‘Work and poverty’

The 17th of June, Salvatore Vetro participated to the meeting of the EESC with the thematic ‘Work and Poverty’.

5.2.3 WISE project – Work Integration Social Enterprises

ENSIE isn’t a member of the WISE project but it has a mandate as an expert, it receives information and it has to transmit to the members.

In the beginning of 2009, Salvatore Vetro participated in a meeting for this project.

The 24th of November 2009, Justine Constant and Salvatore Vetro participated in the final conference of the WISE project – Work Integration Social Enterprises as a Tool For Inclusion – A Set of strategic Guidelines for the EU.

5.2.4 The meeting for combating poverty and Social Exclusion

The 17th of September, the European Commission (DG Employment) organized a meeting for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, in Brussels. Salvatore Vetro participated at this meeting.

5.2.5 The 8th European Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion

In the beginning of October, the 8th European Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion in Stockholm took place. ENSIE participated via IRIS.

5.2.6 NGOforum09 – “Cutting the Democratic Deficit through Civil Participation’ (October 2009 – Orebro, Suède)

Maria Nieves Ramos participated and made a presentation about ENSIE (its fundamentals, its roles...)

5.2.7 ESSC Conference

The 22nd of October, Justine Constant and Salvatore Vetro participated to the Conference organized by the ESSC in Brussels: ‘Getting to the end of the tunnel: Creating the Right Environment for the Social Economy’.
5.2.8 The Autumn University of the CNEI

The 29\textsuperscript{th} and 30\textsuperscript{th} of October, an Autumn University was organised, in France, by the CNEI. Michel Sexauer represented ENSIE and introduced the ENSIE Network to the participants.

5.2.9 RIPESS Europe

The 13\textsuperscript{th} of November, Salvatore Vetro was present at the meeting of RIPESS Europe, in Brussels.

5.2.10 Livre blanc de l’économie sociale, FRAISSE & ALPHANDERY

The 16\textsuperscript{th} of December, Salvatore was in the meeting in Brussels, organized by ESS (Économie sociale et solidaire) to participate in the 50 propositions to change the direction (Livre blanc de l’économie sociale, FRAISSE & ALPHANDERY).
6. Proposed activities

6.1 Information

6.1.1 Communications for the members

The members received information about ENSIE’s political and institutional meetings, European consultation and legal changes concerning the sector, by e-mail.

6.1.2 Web-site

The ENSIE’s web-site, www.ensie.org, offers a free and fast access to the ENSIE’s activities and the European policies. A new version of the Website (still to be updated) is today available.