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1. President’s moral report

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5 years already… and a life full of promises

As years go by, despite the complexity of the task and the uncertainty which weights permanently on the future of the network, ENSIE is building up and affirming itself as an actor in its own right of the social entrepreneurship in Europe. Nowadays, everybody knows, at least this is my own conviction, that the main spring to build a network is, first and foremost, a question of consistency of the project, and a will to make it live, more than a question of means. The first five years of ENSIE’s history are a particularly revealing illustration of this reality, which characterises the construction of any network, be it regional, national, and all the more so, European.

A solidary network with clearly stated values

Even if, once more, it should be noted that we do not meet often enough, we have managed to identify, in a legible manner and give a collective contents to the values, as well as the priority of actions which are founding our common approach. We are no longer debating about what we have in common and about what we can promote together, each one of us being imprisoned in his/her own particular history and braced on his/her own way of doing things. We have not only learnt to live with our differences, but we have mainly learnt that they can constitute an exceptional asset for enrichment of our own respective experiences and of stimulation of our collective project of entrepreneurs of inclusion, engaged in the construction of an Europe concerned as much with the integration of all people and with equal opportunity, as with economic performances. I would like to insist particularly on the fact that if ENSIE pursues its construction and acquires progressively the recognition which is indispensable to the efficiency of its action, this is first of all thanks to the solidarity which we showed between us within the network.

It has been translated for many years by the welcoming attitude from the RES and the constant implication of Salvatore VETRO. It also expresses itself in the agreement established between the Consorzio Abele Lavoro and ENSIE to secure the post of Patrizia and, in so doing, to guarantee the continuous activity of ENSIE. During 2005, it went on with the BAG ARBEIT project on social responsibility, which enabled us to work together on an issue which is at the heart of our reflection and, in the mean time, offered the governing bodies of the network the opportunity to meet. It materializes still in 2006 by the involvement of CNEI in a new European project which cannot be carried by a network such as ENSIE, whose modest budget does not enable it to respond to the financial criteria of eligibility set by the European administration.
There are many other manifestations of this implication and solidarity. Obviously, I cannot name them all, and I apologize for this; but I wished to insist particularly on the essential role of this spirit and of those manifestations of solidarity in the construction and development of our network. This way of being and acting together makes me particularly confident for the future and constitutes a strength, but also an efficiency which has enabled us up to now to get round the obstacles, if not to overcome them. It is this strength and this collective engagement which we must keep for the years to come, and I would even say, particularly if our means improve, which is my dearest wish, obviously. We are constantly working on this.

A network which is recognised and a force for proposals

One of the most notable evolutions of the last two years, and which materialized clearly in 2005, is that ENSIE is known and recognised nowadays. There, we shall say, following the example of our English friends that this is "work in progress". But evidently, we are now out of the position of a collective small group, which is as badly identified as it is confidential.

The diversity and the multiplication of the number of meetings with the representatives of various European bodies have enabled us in a first instance, to verify the relevance of our positioning and of the priorities of action we are defending. They have enabled us mainly to establish concrete contacts which are likely to enable us to act around us for the causes and finalities which are dear to us.

The activity report details more exhaustively the political action implemented in the name of ENSIE within the last year. But may I insist on the impact of regular work, of contact making, of presentation of our network and of engaging in regular collaboration which have been undertaken: meeting with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the III Group, meetings with the representatives of the European Trade Unions Confederation (ETUC). Furthermore, the regular exchanges with the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, among others, with the Directorate "Social Dialogue, Social rights, Working conditions and adaptation to changes" or the Directorate "Social Protection and Integration" come under the same strategy of political positioning of ENSIE and promotion of the movement of the entrepreneurship against exclusion and in favour of citizenship in Europe.

We must intensify these steps because they give our network the political dimension which is crucial to it, and, in the meantime, it gives a complete answer to the expectations of the bodies of the European Commission, in particular on the themes of social inclusion and equal opportunities.

A network open to all initiatives which contribute to solidarity and social justice

From the beginning of our exchanges with CECOP (founding member of ENSIE) and very strongly since our participation in the Second Conference on the Social Economy in Krakow (in October 2004), we have been measuring the necessity of this opening and of this implication next to the very large, already well-organised networks of the social economy. We clearly know that the specificity of our experience and contribution which can only be taken into account if we can establish strong links with all those who organise and
mobilise themselves, so that Social cohesion can really be a pillar of the European construction.

The International Meeting of Dakar on the globalisation of solidarity, the European inter-network of ethical and solidary based initiatives in Trento, are as many investments to develop this opening and think the construction of the approach of our network, taking into account what is in reflection around us on these priorities which we are sharing, even if our action methods are different.

We must also pursue the dialogue and the cooperation initiative with the Intergroup of Social Economy (promoted by CEP – CMAF), or more specifically with one or the other member of this Intergroup, in order both to feed our own reflection and to make the most of the originality of our own experience. ENSIE’s ambition has never been to position itself independently, or in opposition to the other networks of the social economy, besides, from our part, this would be the expression of both a lack of modesty and furthermore, of a lack of realism towards our own capacities. However, we have the responsibility to mobilise more widely the actors of any European country which develops the ambition to "undertake in another way", in favour of integration and citizenship. It is in this spirit that I hope that our network will soon welcome the member networks of the CECOP which are regrouping other integration enterprises in Italy, in Sweden, in Portugal or in Slovenia. The welcoming of new members and the enlargement to other European countries which are not yet represented within our network depend both on the legibility and the consistency of our social and political project, at the same time as from the reality of our capacity to open. The conditions are, from my point of view, now gathered to strengthen the representation of our network by welcoming new members, and in the meantime, diversifying our regular cooperation with the other organised actors of the social economy in Europe.

More than ever, now is the time to believe in it

I do not want to show a self-satisfied optimism. Indeed, this, I could, temper this enthusiasm by drawing a repertory of all worrying subjects to the precariousness of our means and to the uncertainties which derive from it.

And however, we have never had so many motives to believe in ourselves, in our mobilisation capacity, and in the merits of what we have been undertaking together for more than five years (11th May 2001). We shall still need to show patience, obstinacy and solidarity between us, but our work bears fruit and will have an always increasing influence, as much within the European debate as in the development of the entrepreneurship of integration in each of the countries which we are representing.

I would like to thank each one of you for his/her contribution and his/her engagement. I hope that there will be even more adhering members to thank in 2007, and that they shall be representing an even greater number of countries. I especially hope that we shall be able to persevere in our common approach, for many years to come, and with the same implication and the same sense of responsibilities. As we know very well, for have experimented it for a long time in each of our countries, that the cause of equal opportunity and social cohesion is a long-term fight. To conduct the same fight at the European level seems an even more hazardous enterprise, whose impact is more difficult to evaluate. However, we have learnt together to carve out this conviction that our common future, such as it can be built up in each particular territory and in each country, depends on our European investment. This is at the
same time a challenge and an opportunity… We will go on to work together, so that Europe can be lived as an opportunity at the service of the respect and the dignity of all.

Christian JACQUOT
2. Introduction

2.1 History

At the same time of the development of the integration enterprises, some networks were set up in various Member States of the European Union to support these forms of work. At the end of 1999, some national federations, whose common goal was the social integration economy, gathered in Barcelona. The most important result of this meeting was the will to create a European network. The reasons of this creation were clear:

- All kind of regulation is defined more and more by the European Union and less at the national level.
- In each country, we have "good practices" but these ones seldom reached the national borders.
- To leave workers of the target group to meet with their colleagues of the other countries of European Union.

After Barcelona's seminar, these partners met every three months. It was decided to organise the following meeting in Belgium. Its central position in Europe had big importance for this decision. In May 2001, following these meetings, the "Réseau European of the Social Integration Enterprises", the "European Network for Social Integration Enterprises" (ENSIE) was founded in Bruges.

During all these years the network collected a lot of experience, essential to be able to reach the objectives for which ENSIE was born.

Each year the network becomes stronger and is recognized.

During this year it takes contact with the European instances : European Council, European Commission, European Economic and Social Committee. It tries to participate in the definition of a European policy against social exclusion. But it’s only the beginning of the work!

ENSIE builds stronger links with REVES (European Network of Social Economy Cities), the Italian Consortium CGM, the cooperative company FOSODER and meets other European organisations active in the social economy with the objective of obtaining synergetic results.

The Commission has launched its new Social Agenda for modernising Europe's social model under the revamped Lisbon Strategy for growth and jobs. The new agenda focuses on providing jobs and equal opportunities for all and ensuring that the benefits of the EU's growth and jobs drive reach everyone in society. ENSIE most express itself in the building of this model!

2.2 Description and principal objectives

(extract of the statute) TITLE I. NAME – REGISTERED OFFICE – OBJECTIVE – DURATION – Article
ENSIE sets itself as objectives within the European Union to represent, support and develop networks and federations from the social integration economy in Europe.

ENSIE will:

1. strengthen the social integration economy actors through exchange between the member organisations,
2. stimulate collaborative relationships and partnership with promoting good practices, research results, new applications
3. organize national and local legislative policy information exchange between member organisations
4. represent and promote the network and the activities on all relevant European levels
5. work on contributions and proposals in order to participate at the definition of European policies against social exclusion
6. develop strong and solid cooperation with other existing European networks of social economy in order to gain synergetic results.

ENSIE will contribute to a sustainable development within the European Union. This includes the following aspects:

1. the labour market and social integration of risk groups by strengthening their employability and productivity
2. the economic liveability of social integration enterprises and the strengthening of their role within economy as a whole
3. the support of equal opportunities in support of the gender mainstreaming strategy of the European Union

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On 31 of December 2005 the network is composed by

12 networks
which represent

8 European Union States,
1500 Enterprises
and 220,000 employees.
2.3 The network structure

The ENSIE network is composed by 12 social integration networks, whose:

- **a European network:** CECOP, Confédération Européenne des Coopératives de Production et de Travail Associé, des Coopératives Sociales et des Entreprises Participatives - European Confederation of Workers’ Cooperatives, Social Cooperatives and Participative Enterprises;

- **some national networks:**
  - Austria: BDV, Bundesdachverband für Soziale Unternehmen
  - France: CNEI, Comité National des Entreprises d'Insertion
  - Germany: BAG Arbeit, Bundersarbeitsgemeinschaft Arbeit e.V
  - Portugal: ANIMAR, Associação Portuguesa para o Desenvolvimento Local
  - Spain: FEDEI, Federación Española de Empresas de Inserción
  - Spain: CONPEEI, Confederación Española de Empresas y Entidades de Inserción

- **some regional networks:**
  - Belgium (Wallonie): RES, Réseau d'Entreprises Sociales
  - Belgium (Flanders): SST, Samenwerkingsverband Sociale Tewerkstelling
  - Spain: ACEI, Asociación Catalana Empresas Inserción

- **a local network:** Consorzio Sociale Abele Lavoro

- **a national center services:**
  - Ireland: DBD, Local Employment Service
### 2.3.1 Members’ list

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2.3.2 The new contacts
During the year 2005 ENSIE established new contact with RREUSE network, REIIES network and RIPESS network.

**RREUSE Network – A Network Symbol of Sustainable Development**
The network is composed by existing national and regional social economy networks active in certain waste streams, and individual organisations, particularly where specialised networks are not operational yet. Its goal is not to have many members, but to cover all EU member states at the highest possible level for the main waste streams.

**REIIES Network – European Network of Economic and Social Integration initiatives**
The REIIES network is an International Consortium of public authorities, information societies, universities, social care public services of almost all Europe. REIIES promotes and manages social and professional integration actions for disadvantages people, with the contribution of a cohesion policy, transnational partnership and good practices exchanges.

**RIPESS Network – Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy**
The RIPESS aims at contributing to a better cohesion of the practices of the Social Solidarity Economy, and to empower the various actors of this sector for action. The assignments of the RIPESS:
- Reinforcing dynamics of intercontinental exchanges and the various ways of thinking about the Social Solidarity Economy
- Promoting the principles, values, and practices as well as networking of actors of the social solidarity economy
- Participating in the social change by the criticism of neo liberalism and the promotion of creative economic initiatives aiming at the inside-out development of our communities.
- Making an advocacy in favour of intercultural diversity, democracy and grassroots participation to Community development and human fulfilment
- Supporting, advising and following-up on enterprises with social responsibility.
3. 2005 … and a life full of promises

Preamble

Almost all 2005 Ensie has an employee: Bussi Patrizia. She continues to coordinate and animate the network for 2/5 time. She works in Italy and in Belgium. When she is in Belgium, she works in an office of the Terre group, a Belgian group of social economy whose Salvatore Vetro is an administrator. The address of the office is:

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At the beginning of 2005 the IRSIE (RIESI) project is justified and the last amount of financing is paid in November.

Within the framework of the Community program Leonardo da Vinci, the Faculty of Economy of Turin (Italy) presents another offer of training. Ensie accepts the offer and engages a trainee for thirteen weeks. The trainee begins on 1st June 2005 and ends 31th September 2005.

During this year ENSIE reflects on Corporate Social Responsibility. Two projects concern this theme:

- Public Service of Sociale Integration, Fight against poverty and Social Economy Program – Belgian ministerial firm: The Corporate Social Responsabilty and the Social Integration Enterprises. Ensie is the promoter.
- budget heading 04.03.03.01: Partnership – Transfer – Innovation Developing CSR with employers of employment services. Bag Arbeit is the promoter. ENSIE, SST and CESI are partners.

In this year ENSIE joins others European actors of the social and solidarity based economy in the Social Economy Inter group (promoted by CEP-CMAF) and in the platform of ethic and solidarity based initiatives (promoted by the European Council).

In November ENSIE attends the Third International meeting on the globalisation of Solidarity.

3.1 The principal steps of the 2004

This table tries to give an outline of the life of the network in 2004

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3.2 The projects

The final report of the RIESI project has been sent the 15th March 2005.
Projects: « SERIAL » presented by CECOP;
« support to key European networks involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion» presented by REVES ;
« Innovative Approaches for the management of change» presented by CGM,
« Geparie » presented by RES,
« ESISOR » et « CONESI » presented by ENSIE
have not been accepted.

3.2.1 The «Corporate Social Responsibility and the social integration enterprises » project
This project aims to: well understand the CSR concept using several European and national definitions, the project results of its members, the experience of the Belgian federal public agency; well understand the possible links between CSR and the social integration sector; promote the CSR in this sector; to promote the transparency of the social integration enterprises CSR good practices.
(see attachment I)

3.2.2 The ENSIE members projects
Partnership – Transfer – Innovation Developing CSR with employers of employment services
Promoting organisation: BAG Arbeit
The aim of this project is to document outstanding Best Practice with regard to Corporate Social Responsibility Actions in social employment services. A complementary aim is to develop recommendations to transfer and promote some future actions in Europe.
(see attachment II)

3.2.3 The projects presented by partners
PUSH: Transfer and Dissemination of Innovation from ESF Article 6
Promoting organisation: Foundation Lawaetz-Stiftung
Content of the work opportunities from view of the unemployed persons concerned and municipalities and/or administrative districts

3.3 The meetings

3.3.1 Integrated approach to local policy planning against social exclusion. The first results of the ECSA project. Messina (Italy) – February 2005
Project activities centred on employment and housing as key issues of social inclusion. The ECSA approach has been experimented on territories in nine EU Member States.
3.3.2 Luxembourg Presidency « Social and solidarity based Economy, main actor in the social cohesion policy and Lisbon Strategy ». Luxembourg – March 2005
This conference is organised continuing the works of the Krakow European Conference « Social Economy : Social Entrepreneurship et Economic Efficiency ». This tries to give more transparency, knowledge and the information exchanges possibility to the social economy.

3.3.3 Europe – Canada Cooperation : « Social Economy, cooperatives : good practices identification and transfer ? ». Charleroi Sud (Belgium) – Mai 2005
The good practices exchange between Belgian and Canadian social economy.

3.3.4 Social Economy Inter group « reasons that have to be developed to present a parliamentary report on European Social Economy ». Brussels (Belgium) – September 2005
The meeting is organised by the CEP-CMAF to organise a initial report on social economy to be presented to parliamentary inter group Presidents.

3.3.5 European Conference - « Textile Recycling : how can we save a sector in crisis ? ». Brussels (Belgium) – October 2005
For the first time in Europe for this type of sector, charities, manufacturers, social enterprises, and employee trade unions from seven European countries have joined to debate about the problem.

3.3.6 National Forum of the Cocagne Network: « We cultivate solidarity in Europe ». Limoges (France) – October 2005
The exchanges between social and solidarity based companies who are developing integration process for disadvantaged people through horticulture and the production of vegetables.

3.3.7 V Spanish day for the integration enterprises - Madrid (Spain) – November 2005
One day to make the national public authorities aware of the law about the Integration enterprises statutes.

3.3.8 The Third international meeting on the globalisation of solidarity – Dakar (Senegal) – November 2005
(see attachment III)

3.3.9 European Council seminar « To bind the citizenship in the fight against poverty and exclusion – Trento (Italy) November 2005
(see attachment VI)