

FINALLY AN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ACTORS OF THE SOCIAL ECONOMY

AIM welcomes the conclusions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for the proposed resolution and conclusions submitted to the Conference for adoption on decent work and the social and solidarity economy as well as the recommendations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on Social Economy. That makes two meaningful international organisations at international level which finally recognise social economy enterprises.

Stronger through an international alliance of the social and solidarity economy

AIM together with five other organisations had set up an international alliance (International Alliance of the Social and Solidarity Economy) to support the social and solidarity economy at international level and had submitted a position. Representing mutual benefit organisations, AIM promotes its core values: Solidarity, not-for-profit and democracy. During the conference of Strasbourg on Social Economy, organised by the European Commission and the French Presidency, AIM has signed with its partners the charta of this international alliance.

It is time to recognise the importance of social and solidarity actors

AIM is pleased that the ILO recognises the contribution of social and solidarity economy actors to decent work and a human-centred future of work. In this respect, it is important that Member States facilitate access to finance, foster the contribution of SSE entities to a just transition towards more sustainable economies and recognise the importance of social and solidarity actors for more inclusive and social societies.

Conducive environment accommodating for the diversity of social and solidarity actors such as mutuals is needed

AIM welcomes that the ILO calls on to governments and social partners to create a conducive environment for social and solidarity economy actors such as mutuals. More than ever, it is necessary that organisations of the social and solidarity economy get the attention that they deserve as we all strive for a better and more social and sustainable future for all.

OECD recommendations to foster the Social Economy

AIM embraces as well the OECD recommendations which represent the first internationally agreed standard to guide countries in setting policy environments and conditions to develop their social economy. Mutuals are especially delighted with the creation of supportive institutional frameworks and the design enabling legal and regulatory frameworks.

AIM welcomes the initiative report of the European Parliament on the Social Economy Action plan

Finally, AIM welcomes the initiative report from Spanish MEP Jordi Cañas, which was adopted by the Employment and Social Affairs Committee in the European Parliament. We are glad that the report calls for legislative changes for mutual societies, associations and foundations with regards to a European legal recognition and we hope for a good outcome in the plenary.

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