

EMN Exchange Visit

EMN Exchange Visit on EU Funds

- Date: Wednesday 18th of December 2013 → Time: 9h -- 16h
- Venue: EMN – 4 Rue de la Presse, B-1000 Brussels
- Organizer: EMN aisbl

Context

EMN is organizing an Exchange Visit on the EU Funds for 2014-20 at its headquarters in Brussels.

It is still unclear for many microfinance actors across Europe which funding opportunities are going to be offered during the forthcoming EU budgetary period 2014-20. What is the future of the European Progress Microfinance Facility (EPMF)? What entails the EaSI Programme (Employment and Social Innovation Programme)? Are the EU Special Support Instruments (Jasmine a.o.) going to be continued? ...

EU representatives from DG REGIO and DG EMPL are invited to speak about the future EU Funding opportunities for microfinance, while two MFIs (Credal and microStart) will share their experience in applying for EU Funds. This EMN Exchange Visit will be celebrated in the morning. The afternoon will be dedicated to a visit to the Réseau Financement Alternatif that will present their alternative model of Belgian cooperative bank, New-b.

EMN reimburses 50% of the travel & accommodation costs to EMN members attending the event (max. 10 organizations). The Visit will be held the day after the celebration of two JASMINE Workshops, organized in collaboration with ESBG, on "Cooperation between banks & MFIs" and "Importance of corporate governance for MFIs' development", taking place in Brussels on the 17th of December.

→ Time	→ Activity	→ Organisation	→ Country
9h00-9h30	Introduction	Györgyi Nyikos Dr. (permanent representation of Hungary to the EU)	
9h30-11h00	EU Funds under the next budgetary period 2014-2020		
	Isabelle De Schryver	European Commission -- DG REGIO	EU
	Michal Petrik	European Commission -- DG EMPL	EU
11h00-11h30	Coffee Break		
11h30-13h00	EMN members' experience in applying to EU funds		
	Marine Flodrops	CREDAL www.credal.be	Belgium
	Patrick Sapy	microStart www.microstart.be	Belgium
13h00-14h00	Lunch and Networking		
14h00-16h00	Visit to New-B www.newb.coop	Réseau Financement Alternatif -- Bernard Bayot	Belgium

For registration (free of charge for EMN members) and further information, please contact emn@european-microfinance.org

