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## SOCIAL INNOVATION FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

### Supporting social entrepreneurs on their journey towards resilience

*Closing event of the Erasmus+ SIRClE project*

**Thursday 29 June 2017**

Trèves Building, 7th floor, 74 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels (Room TRE 7701)

*The Social Innovation for Resilient Communities project (SIRClE – [www.sircle-project.eu](http://www.sircle-project.eu)) uses adult education and a training curriculum known as *The Evoneers' Journey*, to address one of the most pressing needs of our time, namely to combine our commitment to the wellbeing of the planet and to a more sustainable society with our ability to be financially sustainable. The training curriculum supports social entrepreneurs in their journey towards owning and developing their ideas and projects towards a more sustainable future.*

*The SIRClE Project was born in a close collaboration between the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) and the Findhorn Foundation (FF) and brings together a diverse range of organisations from Austria (Plenum), Belgium (AEIDL and Still Consulting), Romania (Asociatia Romania in Transizie), Spain (Altekio) and Portugal (FFCUL). This event aims to showcase the achievements of the project, share participants' experiences with the methodology with a broader audience and engage in a dialogue with European policy makers. It also offers the possibility for a hands-on experiential session around the Journey for aspiring or established social entrepreneurs. This event is organised with the support of the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) following the European Day on Social Economy Enterprises, held on 28th June.*

## PROGRAMME

### 8.15 Registration

#### **Morning 9.00 – 12.45**

**Sharing project experience and the EU policy context on social entrepreneurship and economy -**  
Moderator: Mr Robin Alfred, Findhorn Foundation (SIRClE partner)

**9.00 Introduction and welcome -** Ms Marie Zvolská, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

**9.15 Social innovation and intra- /entrepreneurship in the EU today : EU policy framework and priorities** - Mr Jens Nilsson, Member of the European Parliament

**9.35 New business models for a greener Europe** - Mr Cillian Lohan, Representative from the EESC – Various Interests Group

**9.55 Q&A**

**10.10 Social Innovation for Resilient Communities – SIRClE and its vision** - Ms Kosha Joubert, CEO, Global Ecovillage Network (SIRClE partner)

**10.25 An EU perspective on the Evoneers' Journey : Sharing from the experience** - Mr Antoine Saint Denis, Evoneer, Belgium

**10.35 Experiencing the Evoneers' journey : What's calling you here?** - Ms Patrizia Brandellero, AEIDL (SIRClE partner)

**10.45 Q&A**

**11.00 -11.30 Coffee break**

**11.30 Outcomes of the SIRClE project and the Evoneers' Journey** - Mr Filipe Alves, FFCUL - Lisbon University (SIRClE partner)

**11.55 Market Place: participants' experience** - Ms Luea Ritter, Still Consulting and Mr Martin Kirchner, Plenum (SIRClE partners)

**12.40 Future steps** -Mr Claudian Dobos, Transition Romania (SIRClE partner)

**12.50 Lunch** (*options available in the meeting building at participants' own cost*)

### **Afternoon 14.00 – 17.00:**

**Experiencing Evoneers' Journey** - Moderators: Ms Conchi Pineiro, Altekio and Mr Joschi Sedlak, Plenum - SIRClE partners

**14.00 Introduction on Core elements of the Evoneers' Journey** - Ms Conchi Pineiro, Altekio and Mr Joschi Sedlak, Plenum

**14.30 Walking the journey (related to a past or planned project)** - In small groups with SIRClE facilitators

**16.45 Closing of the event** - Feedback, Q&A, closing remarks

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