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## 1<sup>st</sup> ASETT INTERNATIONAL FORUM

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ASETT Encounters

10:00

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12:30

Humanistic Management and Leadership: a  
visión for the future

ASFabrik / MONDRAGON UNIVERSITY,  
BILBAO

Michael Pirson, co-founder of Humanistic Management Network  
Iñigo Albizuri, ASETT director

MOUNT DRAGON DOCUMENTARY SESSION

NNUU Meeting

14:00

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19:00

Session on the United Nations  
International Year of Cooperatives

OTALORA,  
ARETXABALETA



Attendance by invitación only

18:00

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19:30

Social Innovation from the global south

DEUSTO UNIVERSITY, BILBAO

ASETT PRESENTATION

Ladislau Dowbor, professor of economics at the Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo





09:30

Visits to Social Economy Initiatives

📍/1 Basque Culinary Center & Gureak

14:00

📍/2 Mondragon Corporation - Otalora

📅 Visits to be selected during the registration process, pending to group formation

15:00

EGES Meeting, Basque Social Economy Enterprises

16:30

The Social Economy and Contemporary Challenges:  
A Perspective on Employment and Inclusion

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MIRAMAR PALACE,  
SAN SEBASTIÁN

Rosa Lavín, Presidenta de Konfekoop

Simel Esim, Head of ILO COOP/SSE Chair of UNTFSSE

Xabier Aierdi, Doctor en Sociología por la UPV

Elena Pérez, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Security of the Basque Government

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18:00

“Denon Artean” Award - IV edition  
- Kooperatiben Kontseilua  
(Higher Council of Cooperatives of Euskadi)

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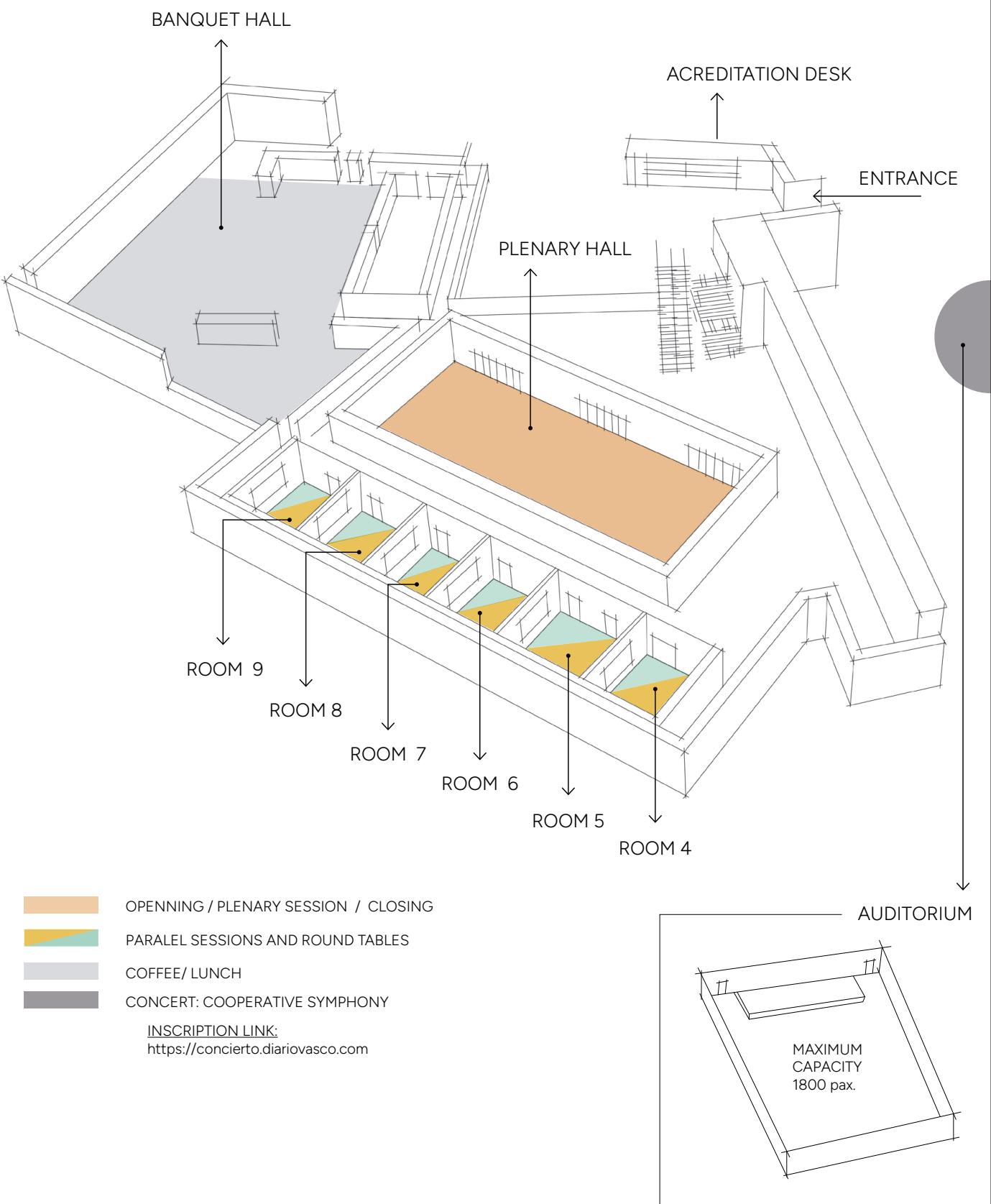
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PLENARY HALL

09:00

Introduction to the Forum

09:30

Opening Panel:

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ASETT OPNEING SESSION

- Eider Mendoza, *President of the Provincial Council of Gipuzkoa*

Mikel Torres, *Second Minister of the Basque Government*

Kepa Korta, *Director of Donostia Futura Office*

Amparo Merino, *Secretary of State for Social Economy*

Juan Antonio Pedreño, *CEPES president*

Patxi Olabarria, *President of the Higher Council of Cooperatives of Euskadi*

Leire Muguerza, *President of MONDRAGÓN Congress*

Mano Nava, *European Commisison, General Director for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion*
- MODERATOR:

Iñigo Albizuri, ASETT director

10:30

Coffee

11:00

Parallel Sessions (12 success stories) y Round Tables

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INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD	INCLUSION	HOUSING	CULTURE	ACADEMY	FINANCING	GENDER
<b>Social Economy: An International Perspective</b>	<b>Profitable Inclusive Businesses</b>	<b>Alternative Housing is possible: Experiences in Cooperation and community</b>	<b>Inclusive cultural ecosystems</b>	<b>Social economy and sustainability</b>	<b>Finance with a purpose, investing in the collective</b>	<b>Social Economy: An Opportunity for Gender Equality</b>
<b>PANEL 1</b> Cooperating in a polarized world <u>Simel Esim</u> , <i>Head of ILO COOP/SSE President of UNTF SSE</i> <u>Luis Gutiérrez</u> , <i>Social Economy coordinator of the government of Mexico</i> <u>Hector Casanueva</u> , <i>professor and researcher, Former Ambassador of Chile. Vice President of the Permanent Academic Forum Latin America - European Union</i> <u>Irene Tinagli</u> , <i>economist and member of the European Parliament</i> <u>Sarah Horowitch</u> , <i>founder and executive director of the Freelancers Union</i> <div>MODERA: <u>Iñigo Albizuri</u>, ASETT director</div> <b>PANEL 2</b> Social Economy and the global south <u>Franc Cortada</u> , <i>general director of Oxfam Intermón</i> <u>Paulinee Effa</u> , <i>National coordinator at NGO PFAC and co-founder of the FORAESS African Forum</i> <u>Gilberto Carvalho</u> , <i>national secretary for the Solidarity Economy of Brazil</i> <u>Jeroo Billimoria</u> , <i>SERIAL entrepreneur</i> <u>Sandra Moreno</u> , <i>executive secretary of RIPESS</i> <div>MODERATOR: <u>Jaime Iglesias</u>, <i>special commissioner for the Social Economy of MITES</i></div>	<b>Gureak</b> <u>Maria Larraza</u> , <i>communications director</i>  <b>Ilunion Hotels</b> <u>José Ángel Preciados</u> , <i>maning director</i>  <b>Enable</b> <u>Moses Chowdari</u> , <u>Correpati</u> , CEO  <div>MODERATOR: <u>Nawaf Kabbara</u>, <i>President of the Arab Organization of Persons with Disabilities</i></div>	<b>Bizikide</b> <u>Pello Sologastaioa</u> , <i>representative of EKOGI,-GICOVI S.L.</i>  <u>Idoia Soto</u> , <i>secretary of the governing council</i>  <b>New York Cooperative Housing</b> <u>Michael Peck</u> , <i>co-founder &amp; executive director of 1worker1vote.org</i>  <b>Sostre Civic</b> <u>David Guardia</u> , <i>coordinator</i>  <div>MODERATOR: <u>Aitziber Etxezarreta</u>, <i>PhD in economics from the UPV</i></div>	<b>Fair Saturday</b> <u>Jordi Albareda</u> , <i>founder and CEO</i>  <b>Talking Wales</b> <u>Huw Marshall</u> , <i>business and digital consultant</i>  <b>Urdime</b> <u>Xaime Lopez</u> , <i>project area coordinator</i>  <div>MODERATOR: <u>Victor Meseguer</u>, <i>deputy general manager at Abacus Cooperative</i></div>	<b>PANEL 1</b> Measuring the Impact of Social Economy Organizations <u>Sonja Novkovic</u> , <i>academic director of the international centre for cooperative management</i> <u>GianLuca Salvatori</u> , <i>secretary general of EURICSE</i> <u>Ilcheon Yi</u> , <i>senior research coordinator at UNRISD</i> <div>MODERATOR: <u>Oier Imaz</u>, <i>researcher at MU</i></div> <b>PANEL 2</b> Social Economy organizations for the reduction of inequalities <u>Leandro Morais</u> , <i>member of the international scientific committee of CIRIEC</i> <u>Ainara Udaondo</u> , <i>director of the LNKI Institute of cooperative studies</i> <u>Inma Carrasco</u> , <i>professor at University of Castilla - La Mancha and president of OIBESCOOP</i>  <div>MODERATOR: <u>Marta Enciso</u>, <i>law degree, Deusto University</i></div>	<u>Oscar Muguerza</u> , <i>business development for companies director at Laboral Kutxa</i> <u>Juana Medus</u> , <i>structured finance analyst</i> <u>Inma Ramos</u> , <i>director of Gaztenpresa</i> <u>Raúl Sánchez</u> , <i>director of Impact Investments COFIDES</i>  <div>MODERATOR: <u>Aicha Belassir</u>, <i>director general of Social Economy for Enterprises</i></div>	<b>SSI</b> <u>Karmele Acedo</u> , <i>CEO</i>  <b>Sewa</b> <u>Mirai Chatterjee</u> , <i>director of the social security team</i>  <b>Suara</b> <u>Angels Cobo i Puig</u> , <i>director of the digital transformation office</i>  <div>MODERATOR: <u>Leire Muguerza</u>, <i>president of MONGRAGON Congress</i></div>

13:00

Lunch



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INTER-COOPERATION & PROSPECTIVE	CARE	ACADEMY	HEALTH		AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABILITY	TECHNOLOGY
Intercooperation for a better future	Weaving networks that care	Universities & the global south	Inclusive cultural ecosystems	Meeting of countries driving ASETT	Sowing community, harvesting resilience	Another home is possible. Experiences of cooperation and community
<p><b>PANEL 1</b> Intercooperation as a business lever</p> <p><u>Peio Rodríguez</u>, president of MONDRAGON Corporation</p> <p><u>Simone Gamberini</u>, president of Legacoop Nazionale</p> <p><u>Alejandro Oñoro</u>, managing director of Ilunion &amp; Fundación ONCE</p> <p><u>Ricardo Lopez</u>, CEO of Caja Popular Mexicana</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Amaia Ferro</u>, Business Development Mondragon Corporation</p>	<p><b>GSR</b> <u>Klaudia Luquita</u>, president</p> <p><b>Sercoval</b> <u>Paz Payá</u>, head of people and equipment department</p> <p><b>Cadiai</b> <u>Michela Patuzzo</u>, head of international projects</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Aicha Belassir</u>, general director for the social economy and corporate social responsibility</p>	<p><b>PANEL 1</b> Brasil: the lungs of the planet, the heart of the social economy</p> <p><u>Gilberto Carvalho</u>, national secretary for solidarity economy of Brazil</p> <p><u>Ladislau Dowbor</u>, professor of economics at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo</p> <p><u>Leandro Morais</u>, São Paulo State University, UNESP/ PROEC</p> <p><u>Filipe Braga</u>, agronomist at the government of the state of Paraná</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Natxo Devicente</u>, Mundukide</p>	<p><b>Auzosare</b> <u>Itziar Echeverry</u>, director of Agintzari</p> <p><b>Esprui</b> <u>Carlos Zarco</u>, general director</p> <p><b>Kamacos</b> <u>Dan Kagaha</u>, Atuwaire, founder</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Carlos Lozano</u>, director of international affairs, CEPES</p>	<p><b>Senegal</b> <u>Mariama Dieng</u>, director of the promotion of the Sse Senegal</p> <p><b>Kenia</b> <u>Elias Kaleria</u>, CEO at Nakkal Realtors</p> <p><b>France</b> <u>Cyril Forget</u>, head of the Regional Economic Service for the Iberian Peninsula · French Embassy in Spain</p> <p><b>Italy</b> <u>Michelle Zanoni</u>, general directorate of knowledge, research, work, enterprises - Emilia Romagna Region</p>	<p><b>Eroski</b> <u>Mikel Larrea</u>, general secretary</p> <p><b>Moda-Re</b> <u>Alberto Egido</u>, director of Environment and Sustainability</p> <p><b>Granterre</b> <u>Elisa Petrini</u>, sustainability &amp; CSR Manager</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Ibon Antero</u>, sustainability and social transformation Mongragon Corporation</p>	<p><b>Orbik</b> <u>Marcelino Caballero</u>, chairperson of the board of governors</p> <p><b>Givit</b> <u>Maica Motos</u>, finance director</p> <p><u>David Robles</u>, operations coordinator</p> <p><b>Redjar</b> <u>Manuel Leiva</u>, president of FACTTIC</p> <p><b>Copreci</b> <u>Amaia Salbide</u>, head of the governing council of Copreci</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Aritz Galdos</u>, technology consultant</p>
<p><b>PANEL 2</b> Reducing inequalities from a forward-looking perspective</p> <p><u>Ibon Zugasti</u>, director of Prospektiker, Grupo LKS</p> <p><u>Hector Casanueva</u>, professor and researcher, Former Ambassador of Chile. Vice President of the Permanent Academic Forum Latin America - European Union</p> <p><u>Kepa Korta</u>, Donostia city council strategy office</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Saioa Arando</u>, ASETT academic coordinator</p>		<p><b>PANEL 2</b> The University as a driver of the social economy</p> <p><u>Michael Pirson</u>, Fordham University</p> <p><u>Nagore Ipiña</u>, dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences at MU</p> <p><u>Arturo Alvarado</u>, rector of Mondragón University Mexico</p> <p><u>Inma Carrasco</u>, president of OBIESCOOP</p> <p><u>Eva Gil</u>, general director of Florida Campus Alzira</p> <p><u>Amparo Merino</u>, secretary of state for Social Economy</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Sonja Novkovic</u>, academic director of the International Cooperative Management Centre</p>				

📍 HOTEL LONDRES, SAN SEBASTIÁN

🔒 Session subject to invitation

COMPOSER & DIRECTION: **Fernando Velázquez**  
LYRICIST: **Jon Sarasua**  
CHOIRS:  
Goikobalu      Iubilo Bilbao Abesbatza

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09:00 Parallel Sessions (12 success stories) and Round Tables

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COMUNICATION & LEGISLATION	INCLUSION 2	OTHER COOPERATIVE SECTORS	YOUTH	MOVILITY	ENERGY & WATER
Communication and legislation	Diversity adds up: no one left behind	Other cooperative sectors	The value of legacy: building the future	Building bridges, mobilizing communities	Cooperatives that illuminate and flow
<p><b>PANEL 1</b> Begin and appearing: a pending subject social economy communication</p> <p><u>Rebecca Harvey</u>, executive editor, Co-operative News</p> <p><u>Amir Barnea</u>, HEC Montreal professor &amp; columnist Toronto Star</p> <p><u>Tatiana Carloti</u>, reporter of Opera Mundi y Foro 21</p> <p><u>Fernando Gutiérrez</u>, reporter of El Economista</p> <p><u>Iker Merchan</u>, DñP, UPV</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>German Lorenzo</u>, deputy director global pulic affairs at Mondragon Corporation</p> <p><b>PANEL 2</b> Cooperative Legislation in Different Countries</p> <p><u>Iñaki Calonge</u>, member of the Legal Advisory Commission of the Basque Country</p> <p><u>Oihana Garcia</u>, lawyer LKS</p> <p><u>Emmanuel Reyes</u>, senator of the Republic of Mexico</p> <p><u>Gilberto Carvalho</u>, national secretary for Solidarity Economy of Brazil</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Gloria González</u>, Head of Legal affairs and Internal Communications at CEPES</p>	<p><b>Emaús</b> <u>Aitziber Zubillaga</u>, general director</p> <p><u>Mari Luz Ferro</u>, general coordinator of Koopera</p> <p><b>Serenos Gijón</b> <u>Miguel González Lastra</u>, general manager</p> <p><b>Gammes ASBL</b> <u>Brieuc Laurent</u>, CEO</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Maria Larraza</u>, communications director</p>	<p><b>Gredos San Diego</b> <u>Carlos de la Higuera</u>, honorary president</p> <p><b>El Quijote</b> <u>Juan Villaresca</u>, director</p> <p><b>Alimer</b> <u>Julian Diaz Garcia</u>, vice president</p> <p><b>Trabensol</b> <u>Nevenka Franich</u>, member of the governing board</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Carmen Comos</u>, general director of CEPES</p>	<p><u>Pio Aguirre</u>, co-founder of ALE</p> <p><u>Victor Meseguer</u>, deputy general manager at Abacus Cooperativa</p> <p><u>Manuel Leiva</u>, president of FACTIC</p> <p><u>Helena Gorroño</u>, technical secretary and coordinator of the Urdaibai Economic Development Plan</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Ana Aguirre</u>, co-founder of TAZBAEZ</p>	<p><b>Mubil</b> <u>Igor Villareal</u>, director</p> <p><b>Direxis</b> <u>Jose Maria Parra</u>, subdirector</p> <p><b>ULCCS</b> <u>Kishor Kumar</u>, director of operations</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Eloi Serrano</u>, director of the Chair of Social Economy at UPF</p>	<p><b>Ekiola</b> <u>Asier Etxabe</u>, director of KREAN</p> <p><b>Comunitat Olesana</b> <u>Joan Arevalo</u>, president</p> <p><b>Revolusolar</b> <u>Eduardo Ávila</u>, CEO</p> <p>MODERATOR: <u>Iñaki Nubla</u>, director of KONFEKOOP</p>

10:30 Coffee

📍 PLENARY HALL

11:00 Ministerial Dialogue: Public Policies for the Social Economy

MODERATOR:  
Simel Esim, head of ILO COOP/SSE Chair of UNTFSS



Yolanda Díaz, Second Vice President and Minister of Labour and Social Economy



Dione Aliou, Minister of Microfinance and Social and Solidarity Economy of Senegal



Patrick Kiburi Kilemi, Principal Secretary, State Department for Cooperatives, Kenya



Enas Dahadha Attari, Minister of Labour of the Palestinian Authority



Gilberto Carvalho, National Secretary for Solidarity Economy of Brazil



Maxime Baduel, Ministerial Delegate for Social and Solidarity Economy of France

12:00 Territory and Social Economy

Elena Pérez, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Security of the Basque Government

Antonio Pasqual de Riquelme, General Director of Self-Employed Workers and Social Economy of the Region of Murcia

Marta Mariño, General Director of Self-Employed Workers and Social Economy of the Xunta de Galicia

Iñaki Mendióroz, General Director of Social Economy and Labour of the Government of Navarra

David Bonhevi, General Director of Social Economy, Third Sector, and Cooperatives of the Generalitat of Catalonia

MODERATOR:  
Sébastien Vauzelle, Head of the Secretariat of the Local2030 Coalition of the United Nations

Conexión with Congress FAECTA in Seville



13:00 Closing

Yolanda Díaz, Second Vice President and Minister of Labour and Social Economy

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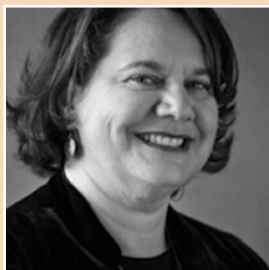
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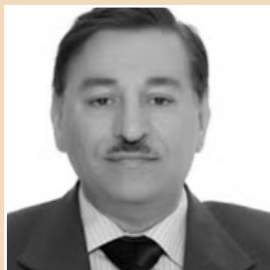
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# 1ST MEETING OF THE ASETT INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

DONOSTIA CITY COUNCIL | 30.05 | 09:00

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Members of various nationalities and international organizations comprising the ASETT International Advisory Council will hold their first meeting, chaired by Spain's Minister of Labour and Social Economy, Yolanda Díaz.

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## ASETT: CALL TO ACTION. A PATH TO CLIMATE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

10:00

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## PRESS AND MEDIA ATTENTION

10:30

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A space dedicated to sharing the main insights and reflections from the Forum with the media.

During this press briefing, interviews will be offered highlighting the international commitment to the social economy and its contributions to sustainable development.

