



European Association of Co-operative Banks



UNICO BANKING GROUP



CO-OPERATIVE BANKS FACING EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

European training program for executives and managers
Co-organised by Unico and EACB

Brussels, May 25-26 & November 16-17, 2010

INTRODUCTION

The financial crisis and the resulting impact on the economy have set a totally new environment for banks and financial institutions. Whatever the evolution of this environment will be, all experts agree that the regulatory rules must be changed at least at European level. In the meantime, the European co-operation process as well as the banking playing field will have to be redesigned significantly.

The Financial Services Action Plan that is due to be implemented by the end of 2010 will cope with the new environment and will not only consist of technical and regulatory developments, but also of a repositioning of the role of financial institutions, states and governments and supervisory bodies.

For this reason the Unico Banking Group and the European Association of Co-operative Banks have jointly developed a European training program for its co-operative members.

OBJECTIVES:

The program introduces the participants to the European banking landscape, the European Institutions, the current Regulatory Framework and the on-going agenda of the Commission. Professional lobbyists will elaborate on their activities in the changing business and regulatory environment. Furthermore, the consequences of the European regulations for our own organisations will be discussed in depth. Focus will be on specific concerns for co-operative organisations, in particular equity instruments and solvency issues.

TARGET GROUP:

Executives and managers in the local and regional banks and in the central institutions.

PROGRAM DAY ONE

Theme: introduction to the European Institutions and the European integration process.

12.45 **Registration desk in Stanhope hotel**

13.00 **Buffet lunch**

14.20 **Introduction to the Unico Banking Group and the European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB)**

Background and mission statement of both organisations

Mr. Remy Lasne, Secretary General of the Unico Banking Group

Mr. Herve Guider, Secretary General of the EACB

14.45 **Introduction to the European Institutions**

The institutional triangle: European Commission, European Parliament, EU Council

Mrs. Julie-Jeanne Regnault, senior consultant, Euralia

15.45 **Coffee break**

16.00 **European Integration: issues and perspectives**

- European identity - political issues - EU enlargement process

Mr. Christos Passadeos, Professor, University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne

17.30 **Discussions in small working groups on program day one and preparation for day two**

18.00 **Transfer to hotel**

19.30 **Dinner**

Key note speaker to be confirmed

PROGRAM DAY TWO

Themes: The European institutions, European regulatory framework from a lobbying approach and perspectives on the co-operative status of Unico banks.

08.30 **Transfer to the European Parliament**

09.00 **Information briefing on the work and role of the European Parliament**
Speaker of the European Parliament

10.00 **Visit to the hemicycle**

10.15 **Transfer to Unico**

10.45 **Co-operative banks facing the present challenges:**

- rebuilding process of the banking landscape
- deterioration of the corporate image
- strategy and business model for the future
- equity issues

Mr. Remy Lasne, Secretary General of the Unico Banking Group

11.30 **Banking and financial issues at stake: European regulations and their impact on co-operative specific issues (own funds, accounting and reporting standards etc.)**

Mr. Herve Guider, Secretary General of the European Association of Co-operative Banks

12.15 **Lunch**

PROGRAM DAY TWO continued

- 13.00 **Realigning financial risk management in the light of the global crisis - lessons learned**
Mr. Andre Horovitz, Consultant DC Gardner Training
- 15.00 **Discussion between participants and experts**
- 15.45 **Summary of the main outcomes of the seminar and perspectives for the future**
Mr. Christos Passadeos, professor, University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne
- 16.00 **Closing**



GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE:

The European training program for executives and managers will be organised on 25-26 May and 16-17 November 2010.

LANGUAGE:

The language of the seminar will be English.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Please send/fax the enclosed registration form to:

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FEES:

The conference fee is EUR 580. This is excluding accommodation, but including participation to the conference, a welcome dinner and lunch.

HOTEL RESERVATION:

Reservations have been made in the Stanhope hotel. The cost of accommodation is EUR 200 (including breakfast) per night. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like to make use of this booking. The participants are requested to settle their hotel bills before checking out.

Stanhope Hotel

Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Brussels - Belgium; tel. + 32 2 506 91 11

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE:

Unico Banking Group; Rue de l'Industrie 26-38, 1040 Brussels - Belgium

CANCELLATION TERMS:

Full refunds, less EUR 75 are available on all cancellations received in writing one month before the seminar. No refunds after this date and any outstanding payment will be required in full. Substitutions are accepted at any time.



REGISTRATION FORM

Co-operative banks facing European Affairs European training program for executives and managers

Fee: Euro 580

Date: 25-26 May 2010 16-17 November 2010

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will participate in the European training program

Place and Date Signature

Accommodation Dinner

Please indicate your accommodation requirements

I will attend the welcome dinner

date of check in yes no

date of check out

Special dietary requirements?

Accommodation double single room no yes

This application form should be completed and returned to:

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Unico Banking Group is an association of eight European co-operative banks, all top institutions in their domestic markets. It is the largest banking alliance in Europe and acts as a forum and a platform for its members. Unico's mission is to support cooperation between the member banks.

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European Association of Co-operative Banks

Founded in 1970, the European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB) is the voice of Co-operative Banks towards the European and the International Institutions. It represents, promotes and defends the common interests of its 30 members and co-operative banks in general with their 4.500 banks, 60 millions members and 140 millions customers.

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