

# SOCIAL INVESTMENT AND THE JUNKER PLAN

27 March 2017 - 18h00 > 20h00 - Conseil économique, social et environnemental - 9 place d'Iéna - Paris

The European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI), known under the « Juncker plan » title, is a European Commission's priority and started to bear fruits all around Europe, and particularly in France where different projects have been financed, notably in the Energy and Digital areas. The Juncker plan's social dimension is at stake. In mid-2016, only 3% of the EFSI investments were devoted to « social infrastructures. However, the recent reforms of the "SMB" component could reinforce the social dimension of the EFSI, by bringing more money for microfinance and social entrepreneurship.

Within the framework of a serie of events and publications aiming at building a better understanding of the objectives and impacts of the Juncker plan, the Jacques Delors Institute and the CESE<sup>1</sup> organise a citizen dialogue about its social dimension : does the EFSI allow to finance projects in the area of education, health or solidarity? What are the obstacles to implement such projects? What leads to improve the incentives to invest in social projects? As many questions which will be debated between the civil society and institutions representatives and the citizens.

Find out more about the JDI's Study on the EFSI : "[Investment in Europe: Making the best of the Juncker Plan](#)"

## 18h00 > 18h15 - Introduction

**Sofia FERNANDES**, senior researcher at the Jacques Delors Institute

## 18h15 > 19h45 – Social investment, great absent of the Juncker plan ?

- **Thomas BIGNAL**, European association of service providers for persons with disabilities
- **José Manuel FERNANDES**, MEP, member of the Budget commission at the European Parliament
- **Robin HUGUENOT-NOËL**, Researcher at the European Policy Center
- **Samuel CLAUSE**, Senior investment manager at the European investment fund

Debate animated by **Eulalia RUBIO**, senior researcher at the Jacques Delors Institute

*Debate with the audience*

## 19h45 > 20h00 - Conclusion

**Marcel GRIGNARD**, President of Confrontations Europe

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