

Joint Philea and Civil Society Europe Event
A single Market for the Public Good

*Removing Obstacles to
Cross Border activities of associations and cross border philanthropy*

28 November 2023
11:30- 14:00 (with lunch)

11:30 - 11:45 **Welcome**
Delphine Moralis, CEO Philea

Setting the scene
Hanna Surmatz, Philea & Carlotta Besozzi, Civil Society Europe

11:45- 12:10 **Short case studies on obstacles to Philanthropy and cross border activities of Associations**

Eduardo Cuoco - Director of IFOAM - Organics Europe
Anne-Laure Paquot, Network Manager, Transnational Giving Europe

12:10 - 12:50 **Presentation of the legislative and policy solutions and panel discussion:**

- Anna Athanasopoulou – Head of Unit G2 Proximity, social economy, creative industries, European Commission
- Albert Raedler, DG TAXUD, European Commission
- Sergey Lagodinsky, JURI Committee EP, rapporteur on a statute for a European cross border association and not for profit organisations
- Isabel Peñalosa, Director of Institutional Relations, Consulting and Communication, Asociación Española de Fundaciones
- Brikena Xhomaqi, Director of Lifelong Learning Platform

Moderated by Heather Roy, President of Social Services Europe

12:50-13:20 **Discussion with the audience**

13:20 **Closing remarks:** Gabriella Civico, CSE President

13:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

Concept note:

Civil society, including philanthropy, is the cornerstone of our democratic and pluralistic societies. We contribute to solving societal issues in many ways, and increasingly also across borders. Yet, old and new barriers hamper our work. We need an enabling environment to unleash our full potential to do public good. There is exciting new policy in the making at European level in the context of the Social Economy Action Plan including:

- Council recommendations on social economy
- Legislative initiative to overcome barriers for cross-border activities for Associations
- Guidance to Member States on how to tax cross-border philanthropy

At the same time, new policies to prevent covert foreign interference, money laundering and terrorism financing are on the horizon which may negatively impact the sector's space.

Join us to discuss how to create a single market for the public good!