

Cooperative Development in South Eastern Europe - Building Regional Momentum

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ACC – Union of Agricultural Credit Cooperatives of Turkey (Tarim Kredi)

Venue Hilton Hotel, Istanbul

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Provisional programme

08.30 – 09.00 Registration & Coffee

09.00 – 09.30 Opening Session & Welcome

• Andreas Kappes - DGRV, Member of Cooperatives Europe

• Ilhami Teke - Tarim Kredi (ACC), Member of NCUT

• Ismail Kalender – Ministry of Customs and Trade, General Directorate for Cooperatives

• Gürsel Küsek – Ministry of Food, Agriculture & Livestock

Facilitator: Marko Paunovic – YEU International

9.30 – 11.00 Cooperative Strategy Frameworks

- Dame Pauline Green & Charles Gould International Cooperative Alliance, A framework for building cooperatives in the next decade
- Alexander Jungmeister University of Lucerne, *The future of cooperative enterprises in South Eastern Europe*
- Mustafa Sepetçi Ministry of Customs and Trade, National Strategy Paper on the Development of Cooperatives in Turkey (2012 – 2016)
- Özgür Altinoklar EU Delegation to Turkey, *EU Policy on SMEs*, *Cooperatives, and Local Private Sector Development*

Q&A and Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee & Tea



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11.30 - 13.00

Regional Cooperation Opportunities

- Todor Ivanov Central Cooperative Union of Bulgaria, *Collaboration* and market access in a changing context
- Nand Shani Regional Cooperation Council, *Economic and social development cooperation in the Region*
- Antonio Spera Coopermondo / Confcooperative Puglia, Cooperative Support Centres

Q&A and Discussion

13.00 - 14.00

Networking Lunch

14.00 - 15.45

Strengthening of Cooperative Development

- Mende Ivanovski Macedonian Association of Agricultural Cooperatives, Building a Legal Framework: Grass Roots in Action
- Abdullah Kutlu Union of Agricultural Credit Cooperatives of Turkey, Finance & Agriculture
- Karel Derveaux Ecopower & RESCoop 20-20-20, *Innovative* entrepreneurship at the basis of new cooperative sectors

Q&A and Discussion

15.45 - 16.00

Closing Remarks

• Klaus Niederlander - Cooperatives Europe

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