



EIGHTH EUROPEAN MEETING OF EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP BRUSSELS 18 MAY 2009

The financial crisis brings new impulses for employee ownership development. The new "Annual Economic Survey of Employee Ownership in European Countries in 2008" shows the exact picture of employee ownership on the threshold of the financial crisis. What is the feeling amongst employee owners? A roundtable of witnesses from various countries. Which political changes? The EFES calls for support to its "Manifesto for the 2009 European Parliament Elections". Companies of the "European Employee Ownership TOP 100" rankings in 2008.

Morning session

- 9.00 – 9.30** **Welcome and registration**
- 9.30 – 9.45** **Conference opening and welcome speeches**
The financial crisis brings new impulses for employee ownership development.
• Henk Kool, Vice-Mayor of the City of The Hague and Former Executive Director of the Netherlands Participation Institute
- 9.45 – 10.15** **Annual Economic Survey of Employee Ownership in European Countries in 2008**
The exact picture of employee ownership on the threshold of the financial crisis.
• Marc Mathieu, European Federation of Employee Ownership
- 10.15 – 11.45** **Witnesses – The feeling about employee ownership across Europe**
• Max Stelzer, Voestalpine Arbeitnehmer Privatstiftung, Austria
• Dominique Welcomme, Employee Share Plans, Vivendi, France
• Julie Richardson, Executive Director, ifsProShare, United Kingdom
• Jose Mari Luzarrati, Advisor, Mondragon Corporación Cooperativa, Spain
• Kai Krüger Henriksen, Vice-President, Veidekke, Norway
• and other witnesses from various countries
- 11.45 – 12.00** **The European Employee Ownership Top 100 rankings in 2008**
The Top European Companies regarding employee ownership in 2008.
• Marc Mathieu, European Federation of Employee Ownership
- 12.00 – 13.00** **Political roundtable – Significant progress in several countries. What now for Europe?**
• Zvone Zupan, President, Dezap, Slovenia
• Guido Antolini, Advisor, DirCredito, Italy
• Jens Lowitzsch, Professor, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
• Bartosz Lech, Spokesperson for The European Greens Group
• Ieke van den Burg, Member of the European Parliament, Netherlands
- 13.00 - 14.00** **Lunch**

Afternoon session

- 14.00 – 16.00** **General Meeting of members of the EFES**

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