

Press Release

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A big step for cooperation, A new era for the general interest of the regulated professions

March 30, 2016 is a date for the cooperative movement and for the general interest of the regulated professions.

In open court, le *Comité National du Tableau*, an independent body attached to the French *Conseil Supérieur de l'Ordre des Experts-Comptables*, has validated the entry of FINACOOP, becoming the **first French *Société Coopérative d'Intérêt Collectif (SCIC)* accounting firm**. Breaking the registration denial issued September 25, 2015 by the *Ordre des Experts-Comptables de Paris-Ile-de-France* and ending seven months of legal proceedings, this historic decision opens a **new era for the tens of regulated professions** (architects, lawyers, notaries, registrars, ...) yet devoid of cooperative structures of social and environmental benefits.

This victory symbolizes the **union** between **Hamon Act on Social and Solidarity Economy (ESS)** July 31, 2014 to undertake recognizing this mode suitable for all fields of human activity, and **Macron Act** of 6 August 2015 authorizing all the legal forms of professional practice in all regulated professions.

The form more in line with the ESS law, **SCIC** is the latest of the French cooperative law. Appeared in 2001, it is given to research a social utility object defined collectively through **democratic governance** involving all its **stakeholders**.

FINACOOP, its employees associates, partners, and beneficiaries customers (150 in only one year of activity) welcomes this significant step forward for the ESS. FINACOOP now aims to become the **reference office multi-skills for businesses in the Social and Solidarity Economy**, growing movement of the French economy, accounting for 10% of French GDP growth with 26% created jobs between 2010 and 2015 (against 7% of all private jobs).

The challenge is to FINACOOP, and yards of summer officially launched !

- ☺ *Launch of the **website** and an **ESS reference blog** => www.finacoop.fr*
- ☺ ***5 creating jobs** by September 2016*
- ☺ *Local Search with other support functions (legal and accounting professions, communication, finance, social innovation, ...) to create a **ESS House***
- ☺ ***Territorial swarming***
- ☺ ***R&D** to create the **first free software accounting***
- ☺ ***Research on cooperative law and the ESS, the general interest of the regulated professions***
- ☺ ***2nd Tour de France ESS-ESUS** to meet entrepreneurs in September 2016*
- ☺ ***Livre Blanc ESS Act No. 2, partnerships with key players in the ESS, new missions, ...***

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