What role can microfinance play in Europe in the era of austerity?

This conference organised by the Comptrasec (CNRS - University of Bordeaux) in conjunction with the UCD Geary Institute (Dublin) aims to examine the potential of microfinance in Europe to counter the dual challenges of austerity and financial crisis; it is open to all stakeholders working within the microfinance sector: microfinance providers, policy makers and researchers. Our objectives through this conference are to develop our understanding and to support the emergence of new ideas and practical responses to how microfinance can contribute to easing the financial burdens on low-income households.

All the sessions will be translated in French and English.
Registration is free but compulsory, spaces are limited:

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Wednesday, October 28th, 2015

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome

10.00 – 10.30 Opening
   Isabelle Daugareilh, Director of the Comptasres, UMR 5114 CNRS-University of Bordeaux (France)
   Representative of the University of Bordeaux

10.30 – 12.30 Plenary Session 1: MICROFINANCE IN EUROPE: WHAT RESULTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS?
   Chair: Fabien Tocqué, UNAF (France)
   Nicolas Rebière, Comptasres, UMR 5114, CNRS - Université de Bordeaux (France)
   The impact of French Personal Microcredit
   Olivier Jérusalmy, EFIN (Belgium)
   The impact of European Micro-lending – Results from the SIMS project
   Valentina Patetta, European Microfinance program, ULB-Solvay Business School (Belgium)
   What about Microfinance in EU: National integration policies?

12.30 – 13.00 Lunch

1.30 – 3.30 Plenary Session 2: IMPACT EVALUATION: WHICH APPROACHES?
   Chair: Camille Guézennec*, France stratégie (France)
   James Copestake, Department of political and social sciences, University of Bath (UK)
   Performance management and social impact in microfinance: from monitoring metrics to assessing attribution
   Neil McHugh, Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health, Glasgow Caledonian University (UK)
   Innovating on methods to measure the impact of microfinance in the UK
   Cécile Lapenu, GERISE network (France)
   Impact and Social Performance – Challenges and assessment methods for microfinance practitioners
   Georges Glouchoviezoff, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy (Ireland)
   Self-assessment of the Impact of European Microfinance

3.30 – 3.45 Break

3.45 – 5.30 Plenary Session 3: REGULATION AND MICROFINANCE: SUPPORTING OR CONSTRAINING?
   Chair: Jorge Ramirez, European Microfinance Network (Belgium)
   Karl Dayson, University of Salford, Manchester (UK)
   The European Code of Good Conduct for Microcredit Provision
   Mark Hannam, Fair Finance (UK)
   Expanding the supply of personal microcredit in London
   Jörg Schoolmann, Deutsches Mikrofinanz Institut (Germany)
   The German microfinance cooperative model - its development, current state and future challenges

5.30 – 5.45 1st day Closing remarks

Thursday, October 29th, 2015

9.00 – 9.30 Welcome

9.30 – 11.00 Plenary Session 4: IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAMME WHICH DELIVERS
   Chair: Olivier Jérusalmy, EFIN (Belgium)
   Brendan Whelan, Social Finance Foundation (Ireland)
   The approach to Social Finance in Ireland
   Michelle Crawford, Good Shepherd Microfinance (Australia)
   Partnerships and Innovation - An Australian Microfinance Experience
   Sébastien Poidatz, Caisse des dépôts et consignations (France)
   Personal microcredit “platform”: localized coordination bodies to improve and develop the program

11.00 – 11.15 Break

11.15 – 1.00 Plenary Session 5: TOMORROW: ALL ENTREPRENEURS?
   Chair: Philip O’Connell, UCD Geary Institute (Ireland)
   Grzegorz Galusak, Microfinance Centre (Poland)
   Microfinance and microentreprises: opportunity or problem for Europe?
   Nancy Jurik, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University (USA)
   The contradictions of Microentreprise Development: The U.S. Experience
   Nigel Meager, Institute for Employment Studies - IES (UK)
   Self-employment: independent ‘enterprise’, or precarious low-skilled work? The case of the UK

2.00 – 3.45 Lunch

3.45 – 4.00 Break

5.40 – 5.30 Plenary Session 6: MICROFINANCE, DEBT AND OVER-INDEBTEDNESS
   Chair: Robert Lafore*, Comprasca, UMR 5114, CNRS - University of Bordeaux, Sciences Po. Bordeaux (France)
   Jerry Buckland, Menno Simons College, Canada
   Micro-Financial Empowerment as a Response to Social Exclusion in Canada
   Johanna Montgomery, Department of Politics, Goldsmith, University of London (UK)
   From Good Credit to Bad Debts – Evaluating what Debt does to the Household Economy
   Stefan Angel, WU Vienna University of Economics & Business Institute for Social Policy (Austria)
   The relevance of country-level variables for the over-indebtedness of private households in Europe

3.45 – 4.00 Closing Round Table: EUROPEAN POLICY MAKERS
   Samuel Clausse*, European Investment Fund
   Céline Thévenot, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
   Antonio Longo, European Economic and Social Committee
   Alain Rousse*, Président du Conseil régional d’Aquitaine (France)

5.30 – 6.00 Closing remarks

* To be confirmed