

IPSE IN BRIEF...

WHAT IS IPSE?

Created in 1989, the **Institute for European Social Protection – Ipse** – aims to guide construction of solidarity-based, not-for-profit social protection in Europe by promoting social dialogue. Ipse thus works to:

- **further development of solidarity-based social protection;**
- **promote cooperation and synergy** among mutual and paritarian social protection groups, as well as other social actors.

Ipse's work is predicated upon the participation of its members, essentially mutual and paritarian organizations. Ipse maintains an extended network in EU countries. It also has an Orientation Council whose members include numerous European social actors, as well as French and European social partners.

IPSE'S WORK

To fulfill its missions, Ipse develops a variety of activities, among which:

- **Events** made up of **Ipse Meetings**, European conferences bringing together knowledge and foresight, and **Ipse Professional Seminars**, addressing topics specifically related to the activities of social protection organizations. Fifty such events have already been organized since Ipse was founded.
- **Publications in various formats** (Folio Magazine, Folio@il Newsletter, Conference proceedings, Foliocollection, etc.), to convey a wealth of information through articles, reflections and contributions on social protection topics;
- **Study visits and trainings** for executives, directors and negotiators, to familiarize them with European social issues.
- **Advice, representation and especially networking** for Ipse members, drawing from its network in France and Europe.

IPSE'S RECENT INITIATIVES...

- > Ipse recently took an interest in the **social consequences of austerity plans in Europe** and possible paths to **develop and sustain social protection**. These issues were particularly present during the Ipse Meeting in Dublin on October 4 and 5, 2012.
- > Questions surrounding the **public-interest mission** and implementation of **solidarity** as the foundation for the activities of mutual and paritarian organizations were also at the forefront of Ipse's work (8th and 9th Ipse Seminars, 2010-2011), as were conditions for appointing a single operator to manage **collective guarantees** (10th Ipse Seminar - 2012).
- > Along with its members, Ipse also addressed current topics, such as **social entrepreneurship**, the **statute for European mutuals** and **solidarity-based investments**.
- > Finally, Ipse recently drafted the **European Charter for Social Protection Providers**, a declaration that serves as a focal point for members of the Ipse community to gather together, reasserting their values, strengths and commitments with the aim of guaranteeing **responsible, public-spirited and fair social protection**.

... AND PRINCIPAL PROJECTS FOR 2013

- > Throughout 2013, Ipse is continuing its efforts to promote the **European Charter for Social Protection Providers** and the commitments it entails. To go even further, a **key "Best Practices" forum** is planned for fall of 2013. This event will offer signatories to the Charter the opportunity to present concrete evidence of their commitments by highlighting achievements that set them apart from the commercial sector.
- > Following the Dublin Meeting, the next Ipse Meeting in Munich, on June 27 and 28, 2013, will be a forum to address **developments in social protection systems in periods of crisis and alternatives to be implemented**.
- > Ipse also intends to examine key issues in 2013, such as **generalization of complementary health insurance** (Ipse Seminar, April 2013) and the draft of a **French law on the social economy**. Finally, progress in the initiative for social entrepreneurship and the proposed statute for European mutuals continues to focus Ipse's attention.