

Microfinance and the financial crisis

How does it affect the borrowers, the MFI's and the investors?

These issues will be addressed by members of the **European Microfinance Platform**

The European Microfinance Platform (e-MFP) was founded formally in 2006 and it has a total membership of over 100 European organisations and individuals with microfinance activities in the developing world. The members include banks, government agencies, NGO's, consulting firms and universities. The main objective is to facilitate information exchange and to promote cooperation among diverse European actors involved in microfinance in developing countries.

An evening seminar Wednesday 23.rd September - 09 at 7.30 pm – 10pm at CBS

Programme:

19:30 Welcome by Flemming Kramp, Founder of the Cooperative Bank Oikos

19:45 Presentation of **European MicroFinancePlatform**, e-MFP by
Axel de Ville, chairman of board

20:00 **Microfinance and the financial crisis**

- Will the users of microfinance suffer?
- Can the MFI's continue to grow?
- Have the investors confidence in microcredit?

Sébastien Duquet, Executive Director, PlaNet Finance and

Hans Dieter Seibel, professor (em.) at Cologne University

Questions and comments

21:00 Pause and networking

21:30 Questions and comments and closing remarks

Venue: Copenhagen Business School, Solbjerg Plads 3, 2000 Frederiksberg

Auditorium: SP13 (Velux)

Admission: **FREE** but registration kindly requested at flemming@oikos.dk

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Sébastien Duquet, Executive Director, PlaNet Finance

Sébastien Duquet has 12 years experience in microfinance and in the banking sector in Emerging markets. From 2002 to 2005 he has been the Director of Planet Finance's Middle Eastern programs and the Executive Director of PlaNet Finance Morocco. Since November 2005 he is the Managing Director of PlanNet Finance.

Hans Dieter Seibel, professor (em.) at Cologne University and senior fellow at the Development Research Center (ZEF), University of Bonn. Specialized on rural & microfinance, agricultural development bank reform and SHG-bank linkages. 1999-2001 Rural Finance Advisor at IFAD in Rome, author of its Rural Finance Policy. 1988-91 GTZ teamleader of *Linking Banks and Self-Help Groups in Indonesia*. Board member of the European Microfinance Platform (e-MFP), vice-chair of the Consultative Committee of the Common Fund for Commodities.



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