

Press release

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PlaNNet Finance participates in European Microfinance Week 2009

European Microfinance Week 2009, the not-to-be-missed gathering of microfinance professionals, will take place from 24 to 26 November 2009 in the historic conference centre of Neumünster Abbey in Luxembourg.

In a global economy which must face major new challenges, microfinance has turned out to be an efficient and civic way to fight poverty and support sustainable development. The main topics addressed during European Microfinance Week 2009 will be “Lessons of the global crisis” and “Prospects after the crisis.” They will be dealt with by eminent microfinance specialists who will raise key questions such as the opportunities linked to microfinance, transparency and control, the environment and microfinance, social responsibility and financing in times of crisis.

The PlaNNet Finance group, active in nearly 80 countries in order to support and develop the microfinance sector, will be present during the day of 26 November:

- **Emmanuelle Javoy, director of Planet Rating**, a rating agency of microfinance institutions, will speak during the “Microfinance institutions and social performance: Measuring and reporting tools” workshop.
- **Sébastien Duquet, director of PlaNIS**, an entity specialized in the advising, structure and management of microfinance investment funds will speak during the “Is microfinance on the right track?” workshop.
- **Philippe Rives, director of PlaNNet Guarantee**, an entity specialized in microinsurance, will speak during the “Investment opportunities in commercial microinsurance” workshop.
- **Thierno Seck, Mobile Banking project director**, an entity specialized in technical assistance and microfinance advising, will speak during the “Development of Mobile Banking in microfinance: What are the main questions to be addressed?” workshop.

Among the other speakers, we can also cite: Plutarchos Sakellaris, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank, Sylvie Solignac (La Banque Postale), José Anson (Universal Postal), Emmanuel de Lutz (BNP Paribas), Cécile Lapenu (CERISE), Eric Duflos and Xavier Reille (CGAP), Marc Roesch (CIRAD), and Frédéric Roussel (ACTED/OXUS).

About PlaNNet Finance

PlaNNet Finance is an international non-profit organization with the mission to alleviate poverty through the development of microfinance, therefore increasing the unbanked and underbanked’s access to financial services. Based in Paris, PlaNNet Finance’s international network holds activities in close to 80 countries around the world.

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