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### THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT UPHOLDS THE CREATION OF EUROPEAN STATUTES FOR ASSOCIATIONS, MUTUAL SOCIETIES AND FOUNDATIONS

The European Parliament adopted on 19 February by a large majority the report on social economy drawn up by the MEP Patrizia Toia, Commission "Employment and social affairs".

Following the adoption of the report on structured dialogue with the civil society organizations, this resolution is likely to encourage an effective acknowledgement of the role of social economy actors (associations, foundations, cooperatives and mutual societies) in the development of a sustainable social and economic model based on solidarity, responsibility and general interest principles.

Articles 10 and 17 of this text highlight the need to a formal recognition of civil society organisations through the adoption of European statutes for associations, foundations and mutual societies and invite the European institutions to adequately include these actors within their social and civil dialogue practices.

The European Civic Forum warmly welcomes these initiatives of the European Parliament as an echo of some of the main recommendations<sup>1</sup> emerged from the first « European Civic Days »: the consultation of organized civil society at each stage of the European policy making should guarantee that the social dimension of the European construction is been taken into account, while the adoption of appropriate European statutes could formalise the citizen's freedom of assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> The « European Civic Days » took place in La Rochelle on 4, 5 et 6 September 2008, within the French presidency of the EU and the support of the European Commission. See the recommendations on our website: [www.civic-forum.eu](http://www.civic-forum.eu).