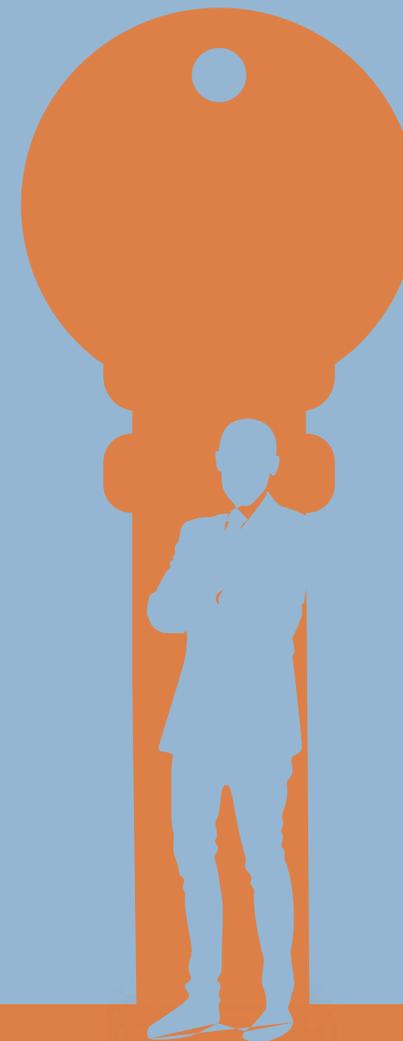


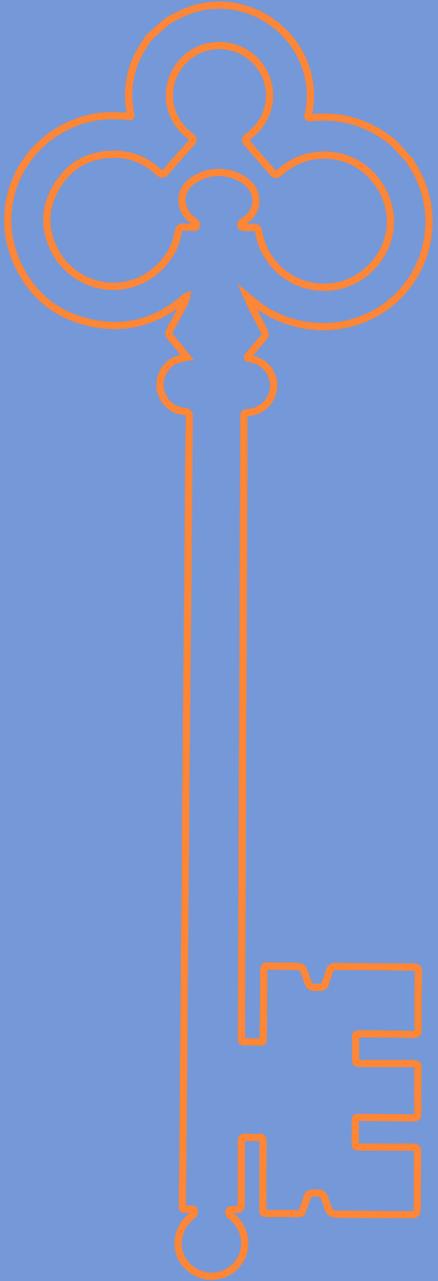
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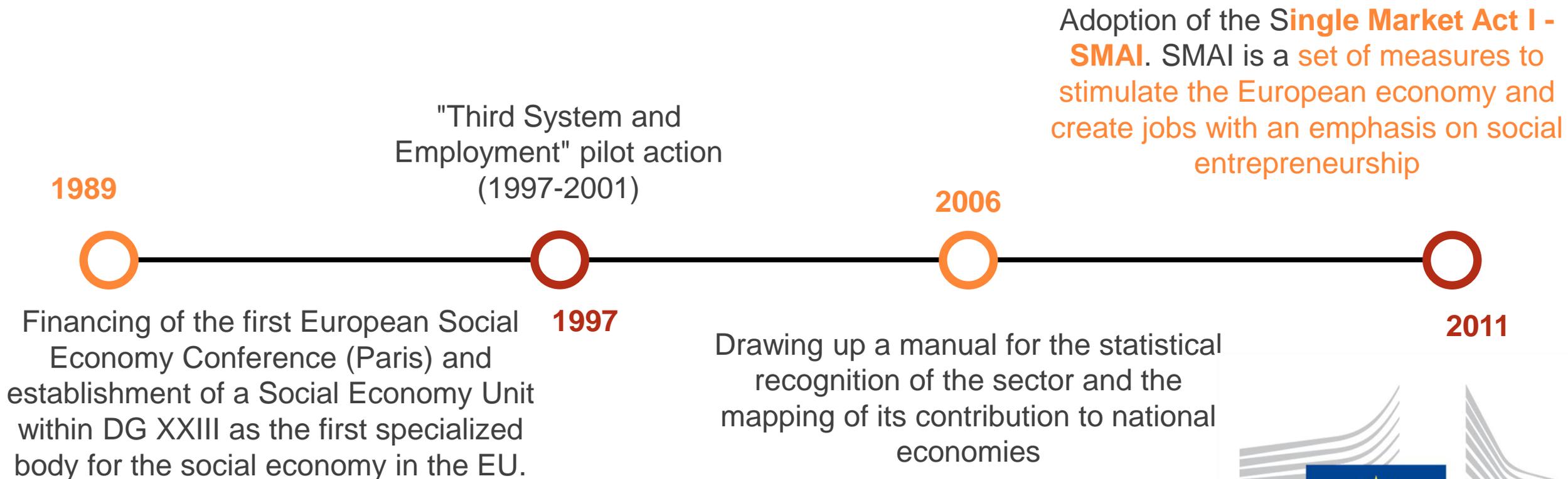
...have contributed to the social economy promotion through a series of policy initiatives.

Increasing support for the social economy reflects the growing recognition of its role in:

- ✓ **job creation**
- ✓ **social services**
- ✓ **local economic development**
- ✓ **social cohesion**



European Commission



European parliament



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Adoption of the resolution on recognizing the social economy as a key player in achieving the objectives of the Lisbon strategy

1994

Adoption of the resolution on the alternative social economy recognizing the vital, pioneering role of alternative and social economy programs in EU countries.

2009

2013

**Employment and Social
Innovation - EaSI**

Council of the European Union

2003

Adoption of a Statute for a European Cooperative Society to support and facilitate transnational cooperative activities

2015

Expert conference entitled "Strengthening social enterprises in Europe"

The conferences were completed with the **Luxembourg Declaration** - a road map towards a more integrated ecosystem for social economy enterprises, signed by the governments of France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Spain.

European Economic and Social Council

It has helped to promote the social economy within the EU through successive opinions and initiatives since the 1980s.

1999: the EESC's first civil society conference at European level

Other EESC actions include:

- the issuing of various opinions, resolutions and reports (e.g. an opinion “on the external dimension of the social economy”)
- the organization of conferences and seminars