

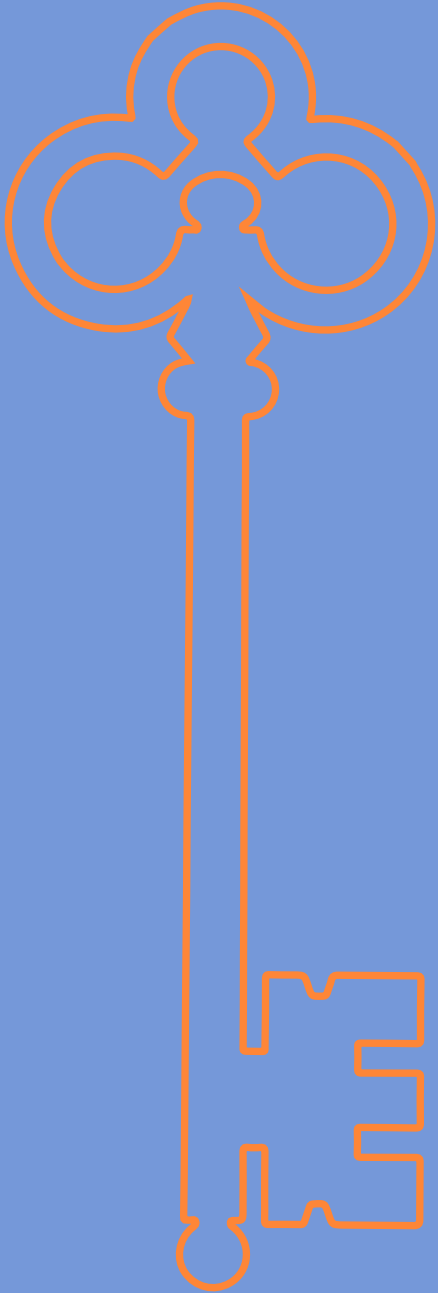
## 1.2 Social Economy and Social Entrepreneurship in Europe



**ReinFORCE SOCIAL Entrepreneurial Spirit through setting up  
Innovative Support Structures in the cross-border Territory  
“Social Forces”**

**4.9.2: Design and Development of the Training Material**





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# Introduction

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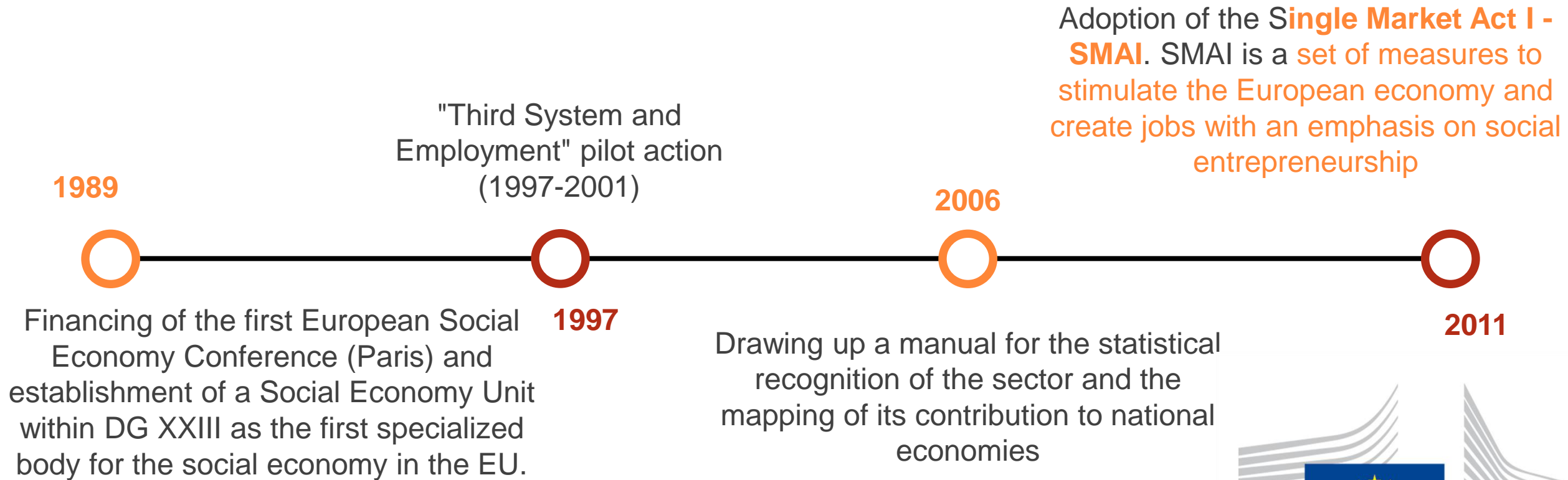
...have contributed to the social economy promotion through a series of policy initiatives.

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*



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

