



EFIN

European Financial Inclusion Network

Founded by researchers, NGO's, trade union, consumer protection organisation partners of the former European project Mutual Learning on Financial Inclusion, this new network (founded in November 2009) invites any financial inclusion stakeholders to join in!

Its legal basis is an international not-for-profit association, with the following objective and activities:

The European Financial Inclusion Network (EFIN) is a coalition of European stakeholders (institutions and individuals) involved in financial inclusion, including European networks active in a more specific area of financial inclusion (e.g.: consumer debt, microfinance, responsible credit,...), Public institutions, Trade Unions, NGOs, Universities and Research institutes, Consumer protection organisations, Financial education practitioners, debt counseling organisations representatives and Financial Institutions & Bank Associations.

EFIN promotes financial inclusion through research, debate, exchange and dissemination.

Its members base their common actions upon the objective to tackle financial exclusion which refers to a process whereby people encounter difficulties accessing and/or using financial services and products in the mainstream market that are appropriate to their needs and enable them to lead a normal social life in the society in which they belong.

In order to achieve these objectives, EFIN will:

- *Increase knowledge on Financial inclusion by all effective methods – survey, study, analysis, data collection...; the aim is to increase and format available data & develop use of indicators to monitor financial exclusion, to provide regular assessment of financial inclusion based on available indicators and to identify and evaluate policy measures with a positive impact on financial inclusion and to highlight the impact of financial inclusion policies on wider social inclusion;*
- *Be a forum and mutual learning place; the aim is to increase mutual learning on financial inclusion policies, strengthen the participation of all key actors in that process, stimulate debate on specific issues which improve the general understanding of the context and the constraints of each stakeholders;*
- *Ensure knowledge dissemination and financial inclusion promotion; the aim is to increase policy-makers awareness and information on policy measures to promote financial inclusion and to develop and promote European, national, regional and local strategies.*

**If you are interested in EFIN
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