

The members European Parliament's Social Economy Intergroup express their sadness for the death of Jens Nilsson and send their condolences to his family



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Jens Nilsson, Swedish Member of the European Parliament and Co-President its Social Economy Intergroup, passed away today at the age of 69. The 79 Members of the European Parliament that form the **Social Economy Intergroup** want pay to tribute to Mr. Nilsson and to send their sincere condolences to his family and beloved ones.

Jens Nilsson has been a tireless promoter of the social economy in Europe, as Chairman of the Council of Östersund Municipality (Sweden), as founder and President of the European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy (REVES) and as a Member of the European Parliament and Co-President of its Social Economy Intergroup.

Since the European elections of May 2014, Jens Nilsson played a key role to ensure the re-establishment of the European Parliament's Social Economy Intergroup, he supported the efforts of the different Presidencies of the Council of the European Union that included the social economy among their priorities, such as Luxembourg's Presidency of the Council, under which the Council Conclusions on ***The promotion of the social economy as a key driver of economic and social development in Europe*** were adopted. Furthermore, he cooperated with the European Commission, with the European Economic and Social Committee, with the Committee of the Regions and with social economy representative organisations to develop an ambitious European policy for the social economy.

Jens Nilsson has passed away but his ideas and vision of a fairer and inclusive Europe will stay alive.

Rest in peace.

The European Parliament Social Economy Intergroup is supported by more than **80 MEPs**, from 6 political groups. Social Economy Europe is responsible for the secretariat of the SEIG.

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