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## **CHRISTOPHE ITIER APPOINTED HIGH ECONOMIC AND SOLIDARITY SOCIAL COMMISSIONER**

**UNDER AEGIS OF MINISTRY OF ECOLOGY**

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**USPA NEWS** - France welcomes the unanimous adoption of the appointment of the High Commissioner for Social and Solidarity Economy on 5 September and social innovation. On the report of the Prime Minister and the Minister of State, Minister for Ecological and Solidarity Transition, the President of the Republic appointed Christophe Itier High Commissioner for Social and Solidarity Economy and Social Innovation.

Mr. Itier will be responsible for stimulating and implementing the Government's policy on the development of social and solidarity-based economy, including 165,000 enterprises (associations, foundations, commercial companies, mutual societies, cooperatives), 2.4 million employees and voluntary associations are mobilizing every day to bring concrete solutions to the social, societal, environmental and health challenges of our country. In partnership with all players in the sector and local authorities, it will also be necessary to support social innovation, in order to encourage the incubation and spin-off of innovative and efficient projects in order to respond more effectively to the challenges of our society: autonomy, social and occupational integration, early school leaving, ecological transition or the digital transition.

Attached to the Minister of State, Minister of Ecological and Solidarity Transition, the High Commissioner will have an interministerial competence and will have, in relation to the delegate of the social and solidarity economy, Odile Kirchner, to promote the mobilization of administrations public. By the end of the year, the High Commissioner is responsible for drawing up, in consultation with the actors, an ESS roadmap and a new national and territorial organization plan in order to strengthen the capacity and the coordination function of the SSS administration.-----

Christophe ITIER, 48, coordinator of the ESS component of the presidential program, has been the former chairman of the Mouvement des entrepreneurs sociales (Social Movement for Social Entrepreneurs), and for seven years the Managing Director of the association La Sauvegarde du Nord during the campaign. His appointment will start on 18 September 2017. Source Ministry of Ecology and Transition Solidarity

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