PROGRAMME
Celebration of our 60th anniversary

INDEPENDENT RETAILERS: A DRIVING FORCE FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY

15 November 2023
Sofitel, Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Brussels

60th anniversary
Independent Retail Europe
Stronger together since 1963

Celebrate with us 60 years of engagement for successful independent retail. Independent retailers will discuss with high-level EU policy makers the benefits of their cooperative model and their contributions to an inclusive and sustainable society.

AGENDA

15:30 **Welcome coffee**

16:30 **Opening by the moderator, Ms Katrina Sichel**

16:30 **Word of welcome by Mr Thomas Nonn, President of Independent Retail Europe**

16:45 **Panel session 1: Independent retail – a business model for an inclusive society**
- MEP Marion Walsmann, Vice-chair of the Legal Affairs Committee
- Ms Géraldine Fages, Senior Expert Directorate F3 (Food, Retail, Health), DG Grow, European Commission
- Mr Dominique Schelcher, Retailer Système U Fessenheim and President of the retailers cooperative Système U (FR)
- Mr Karl Stefan Preuß, Managing Director, Karl Preuß GmbH & Co, Minden, EDEKA (DE)
- Ms Linda Widlund, Retailer, ICA Supermarket Sjöstaden, Stockholm, ICA (SE)

Keynote speech by Mr Stefan Olsson, Deputy Director-General "Jobs, Skills, Social Policies", DG EMPL, European Commission

Panel session 2: Independent retail for a sustainable society
- Ms Alexandra Nikolakopoulou, Head of Unit E1 (Farm to Fork), DG Santé, European Commission
- Dr. Wolfgang Trunk, Team Leader Unit B3 (From Waste to Resources), DG Environment, European Commission
- Mr Alexander Kiennast, Managing Director, Julius Kiennast Lebensmittelgroßhandels GmbH, Gars am Kamp (AT)
- Mr Robin Holleboom, Retailer Expert Twello, Twello (NL)
- Mr Toni Pokela, Retailer, K-Citymarket Iso Omena, Espoo, KESKO (FI)
- Ms Viktoria Hirtl, Retailer, SPAR Landkauf Bund, Straden (AT)

18:30 **Keynote speech by Ms Kristin Schreiber, Director Ecosystems I (Chemical Food, Retail), DG Grow, European Commission**

18:45 **Keynote speech by MEP Ivan Štefanec, President of SME Europe**

19:00 **Cocktail, followed by a walking dinner**