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For responsible, public-spirited and fair social protection

The crisis that has gripped the world, and Europe in particular, since 2008 is not merely financial and economic. It is also a crisis of identity and ethics. In this difficult context, solidarity-based social protection organizations have been able to withstand the crisis thanks primarily to a sensible management policy and the absence of return on capital. They have played an essential role as a social buffer for populations.

Conscious of their particular missions, the joint and mutual organizations within the Ipse (Institute for European Social Protection) community have decided to take this approach one step further by adopting a European Charter for Social Protection Providers. They have thus reasserted their attachment to responsible, public-spirited and fair complementary social protection.

With this Charter, the joint and mutual organizations within the Ipse community have decided to:

- Unite around shared values
- Confirm the specificity of their identity and their activities
- Assert themselves as a credible and indispensable alternative to providers driven by an exclusively commercial rationale

Ipse's ambition is to extend this Charter beyond the initial signatory organizations, sharing it with all social protection providers in France and the other EU countries.

In this spirit, an awareness campaign will be conducted throughout 2012. Ipse will organize meetings and make contacts with public authorities, supervisory institutions, social partners and social protection providers, be they joint, mutual or cooperative organizations.

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