

 **PRESS RELEASE**

Planned merger between BFBP-CNCE: the Caisses d'Épargne choose their candidates for election to the Supervisory Board of the new central institution

(Paris, June 17, 2009) --- The 17 Caisses d'Épargne have chosen their candidates for election to the Supervisory Board of the central institution due to be created from the merger between Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne (CNCE) and Banque Fédérale des Banques Populaires (BFBP).

The Federal Board of Fédération Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne (FNCE) has chosen five Steering & Supervisory Board (COS) Chairmen and two Management Board Chairmen:

- **Yves Toubanc**, Chairman of the COS of the Caisse d'Épargne Rhône-Alpes. Yves Toubanc has been chosen for election to the position of Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board.
- **Catherine Amin-Garde**, Chairwoman of the COS of the Caisse d'Épargne Loire Drôme Ardèche
- **Francis Henry**, Chairman of the COS of the Caisse d'Épargne Lorraine Champagne Ardenne
- **Pierre Mackiewicz**, Chairman of the COS of the Caisse d'Épargne Côte d'Azur
- **Pierre Valentin**, Chairman of the COS of the Caisse d'Épargne Languedoc-Roussillon

- **Bernard Comolet**, Chairman of the Management Board of the Caisse d'Épargne Ile-de-France
- **Didier Patault**, Chairman of the Management Board of the Caisse d'Épargne Bretagne-Pays de Loire

These appointments have been made in accordance with the bill adopted by the French Parliament, which provides that the representatives of the cooperative shareholders will hold the majority within the future Supervisory Board.

These 7 candidates will be included in the draft agreement to be submitted to the approval of the Supervisory Board of Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne (CNCE) on June 24 with a view toward the organization of the general meeting that will result in the creation of the future central institution.

In addition, the following will be put forward for election to the position of *censeurs* (non-voting members) during the same general meeting:

- **Michel Sorbier**, Chairman of Fédération Nationale des Caisses d'Epargne
- **Pierre Carli**, Chairman of the Management Board of the Caisse d'Epargne Midi-Pyrénées
- **Jean Mérelle**, Chairman of the Management Board of the Caisse d'Epargne Nord France Europe

The Supervisory Board of the new central institution will be comprised of a total of 18 members. Apart from the 14 members representing the regional banks in the Caisse d'Epargne and Banque Populaire networks, 4 members are to be appointed by the French State, including 2 independent directors.

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