

## Brief Biography



### **Patrick Hynes, Oikocredit International**

Building on his enduring interest in social investment and development, Patrick joined Oikocredit in 2007 as its representative in the UK and Ireland. Prior to joining Oikocredit, Patrick led a social enterprise providing employment and social care for people with a learning disability. Patrick has extensive expertise in the financial sector developed during his previous career in retail banking within risk management, marketing and business management functions. He has also worked in academic research and teaching.

Oikocredit offers loans or investment capital to microfinance institutions, cooperatives, fair trade organisations and small-to-medium sized enterprises in developing countries. It has more than €472 million invested in over 71 countries and Oikocredit's microfinance partners reach nearly 30 million people worldwide.

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