

PROGRAMME

Thursday 27 January 2011

- 8h 00 - 10h30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 11h 00 - 13h00 **Opening Sessions (Hemicycle)**
- Co-Chairs: **Mr Libor ROUČEK** and **Ms Isabelle DURANT**, Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament
- Opening remarks: **Mr Jerzy BUZEK**, President of the European Parliament
Mr László ANDOR, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- Chorale des Sans - Abri "Au clair de la rue"*
- Speakers: **Mr Péter GYÖRKÖS**, Hungary's permanent representative to the EU, on behalf of the Hungarian EU Council Presidency
Mr Staffan NILSSON, President of the Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
Ms Mercédès BRESSO, President of the Committee of the Regions (CoR)
- Introduction to the proceedings of the Agora:
- Mr Libor ROUČEK** and **Ms Isabelle DURANT**, Vice-presidents of the European Parliament
- 13h 00 – 14h30 **Lunch in Espace Yehudi Menuhin (European Parliament)**
- 14h 30 – 18h00 **Parallel Workshops**
(Interpretation: EN, DE, FR, IT, ES, PL only)



Workshop 1: *The economic and financial crisis and new forms of poverty*
(Room: ASP 3G3)

Moderator: **Ms Jean LAMBERT**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Co-rapporteurs: **Ms Iida FIGUEIREDO**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Confederation Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
Mr Freek SPINNEWIJN, Director, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

Speakers: **Ms Sylvie GOULARD**, Member of the European Parliament, Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis
Ms Maureen O'NEILL, Member of the Various Interests' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
Mr Fintan FARRELL, Director of The European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN), on behalf of the 2010 Coalition of Social NGOs

Witness: **Mr Boris GUROV (Bulgaria)**

General Debate

Workshop 2: *The impact of the economic and financial crises on migration flows and integration processes*
(Room: ASP 3G2)

Moderator: **Mr Frédéric DAERDEN**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Co-rapporteurs: **Ms Malika BENARAB-ATTOU**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Culture and Education
Mr Peter VERHAEGHE, Migration Officer, Caritas-Europa

Speakers: **Ms. Franziska KELLER**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Development
Ms Kinga GÖNCZ, Vice-Chair of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Mr Giuseppe IULIANO, Member of the Workers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
Ms Suzanne MONKASA, European Network of Migrant Women (ENOMW)

Witness: **Ms Saliha Senel**, FEMYSO, Forum of European Muslim Youth Student Organisations

General Debate



Workshop 3: *The economic and financial crisis: access to a decent and sustainable way of life for persons in situation of precariousness - challenges for the European model of society*
(Room ASP 1G3)

Moderator: **Ms Doris PACK**, Chair of the EP Committee on Culture and Education

Co-rapporteurs: **Ms Marie-Christine VERGIAT** Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Culture and Education
Mr Henri LOURDELLE, Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Speakers: **Ms Edite ESTRELA**, Vice-Chair of the EP Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, rapporteur on 'Solidarity in health: Reducing health inequalities in the EU'

Ms Rovana PLUMB, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, rapporteur on 'The face of female poverty in EU'

Mr Joost VAN IERSEL Member of the Employers Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Ms Marie-Cécile RENOUX, Delegate to the European Union, ATD Fourth World

Witness: **Ms Anne SNICK**, vzw Flora asbl

General Debate

Consensus Conference: *Everyday experience of persons in situation of precariousness*

The 3rd Citizens' Agora organized by the European Parliament will include a *Consensus Conference*. It will bring together a panel of twenty people in situation of precariousness from different Member States of the European Union. Under the direction of experts in the field of citizens' participation, they will exchange on their personal and everyday experiences. After confronting their different experiences, they will formulate recommendations to be presented at the plenary session of the Agora.

Chair: **Mr Jérôme VIGNON**, Chairman of the Social Weeks of France, former director of social protection and inclusion and the Forward Studies Unit of the European Commission

Support Committee: **Mr Libor ROUČEK** and **Ms Isabelle DURANT** Vice- Presidents of the European Parliament

Experts: **Mr Martin HIRSCH**, President of the French Agency for Civic Service, Former High Commissioner for Active Solidarity against Poverty
Ms Annamari LAAKSONEN, Senior project coordinator at Interarts Professor at the Open University of Barcelona
Mr Gérard VALENDUC, Co-director of the Fondation Travail-Université, Visiting Professor at the Universities of Namur (FUNDP) and Louvain (UCL)
Mr Francesco GIANNONI, Head of the Department of Social Policy ARCI Toscana

A representative of TNS



18h00 - 18.30 Visit of the village of civil society organisations in the presence of **Mr Staffan NILSSON**, President of the Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and **Mr Libor ROUČEK** and **Ms Isabelle DURANT** Vice- Presidents of the European Parliament

(Passerelle Karamanlis – 3rd floor ASP building)

18h 45 - 21h 30 Buffet diner

Location: European Economic and Social Committee
Rue Belliard, 99 -1040 Brussels (Atrium 6 - 6th floor)

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Friday 28 January 2011

8h 00 – 9h 00 Arrival of participants

9h 00 – 11h 30 **Plenary Session (Hemicycle)**

Co-chairs: **Mr Libor ROUČEK** and **Ms Isabelle DURANT**, Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament

Reports on the workshops and Consensus Conference, followed by a general debate

11h00 - 11h 30 Coffee break

11h 00 – 11h 30 *Press Conference*

*Lieu: Press room of the European Parliament (PHS 0A50)
Interpretation EN, FR, DE*

Participants: Ms Isabelle DURANT and Mr Libor ROUČEK, Vice- Presidents of the European Parliament, and Mr Staffan NILSSON, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

11h 30 – 13h 00 **Closing Session (Hemicycle)**

Chair: **Mr Staffan NILSSON**, President of the Economic and Social Committee (CESE)

Closing Session **Mr Libor ROUČEK**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
Ms Isabelle DURANT Vice-President of the European Parliament
Ms Leila KURKI, President of the Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (EESC)
Mr Conny REUTER, President of the Platform of European Social NGOs

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The closing session will be followed by a family photo of participants and a commemorative certificate giving.

