



European
Commission

3rd Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion

26 November 2013

11.00 - 14.30

Arrival, Registrations, Welcome Coffee

14.30 - 15.30

Presidential opening

- **Mr José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission
- **Mr Herman Van Rompuy**, President of the European Council

15.30 - 17.00

Plenary session: "Implementation of Social Policies to reduce poverty and inequalities"

Chair: **Mr László Andor**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Panellists:

- **Mr George Soros**, Chairman of the Open Society Foundation
- **Ms Heather Roy**, President of the Social Platform
- **Mr Michel Barnier**, Commissioner for Internal Market and Services
- **Ms Algimanta Pabedinskiene**, Lithuanian Minister of Social security and labour

Moderator: **Ms Jacki Davis**

17.00 - 17.30 Break / Change of room

17.30 - 19.30

Speed dating (15 projects on themes linked to the workshops)

Side events organised by stakeholders on:

- *Escaping the migration poverty trap?* (Social Platform)
- *How to prevent over indebtedness* (Eurodiaconia, FEANTSA)
- *Contribution to the Recommendation for Investing in Children* (Eurochild and ten other NGOs)
- *In-work poverty – The contribution of employment to poverty reduction* (EASPD, EAPN, ENSIE)
- *The role of cities in implementing Social Investment Package* (Eurocities)
- ELISAN will present the film "Un angelo all'inferno"

19.30 - 21.30

Networking Dinner

Venue

The Egg conference center

Rue Bara - Barastraat 175
1070 Bruxelles/Brussel
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08.30 - 09.00 Welcome coffee

09.00 - 09.45

Plenary session: "Social Policies to reduce poverty"

- Chair: **Ms Lieve Fransen**, Director for Social Policies and Europe 2020, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Mr Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament
- **Mr Sérgio Aires**, President of The European Anti-Poverty Network

09.45 - 10.00 Break / Change of room

10.00 - 12.00

Workshops: "Investing in people throughout their life"

1. Promoting effective investment in early childhood education and care
2. Roma inclusion policies
3. Integrated strategies for re-housing homeless people
4. Ensuring adequate access to health care in times of austerity
5. Policy solutions for youth experiencing disadvantage

12.00 - 13.30 Buffet Lunch

13.30 - 15.30

Workshops: "Instruments and indicators to implement and monitor poverty reduction"

6. Innovative financial instruments developed with the private sector
7. Poverty target. Where are we?
8. Reference budgets for adequate livelihoods

World Café: "Implementing the Social Investment Package through the European Social Fund (ESF) and its synergies with other ESI funds"

15.30 - 15.40 Break / Change of room

15.40 - 16.45

Plenary debate: "Actions to take forward the agenda for a social Europe"

Panellists:

- **Mr Koos Richelle**, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Mr Ahmed Aboutaleb**, Mayor of Rotterdam, Netherlands
- **Ms Simone Beissel**, Vice-president of the Committee of Regions
- **Prof. Enrico Giovannini**, Italian Minister for Employment and Social Policies
- **Ms Ilze Vinkele**, Latvian Minister for Social Affairs

Moderator: **Ms Jacki Davis**

16.45 - 16.55

Keynote speech "The way forward": **Mr László Andor**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion