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10th EU MEETING OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY

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EMPLOYMENT, WORK, JOBS The Reality for People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion



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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 13 MAY

- 09.30 – 09.40 Welcome words: **Csaba ORY**, Member of the European Parliament, **Conference Chair**
- 09.40 – 10.00 **Opening Plenary**
- **Zoltán BALOG**, Minister of State for Social Inclusion; Hungary
 - **László ANDOR**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
 - **Benedikte KIAER**, Minister for Social Affairs, Denmark – EU Presidency (2012)
 - **Leif JENSEN**, Experience Report on behalf of the Participants at the 9th Meeting
- 10.00 – 11.15 **Plenary Session on the follow up of Previous European Meetings**
- **Report on the reaction of the delegates to follow up**
 - **Open space for delegate questions and comments**
 - **Response from the Panel:**
Jean LAMBERT, Membre du Parlement européen
Philippe COURARD, Secretary of State for Social Integration and Combating Poverty, (EU Presidency 2010)
Antonia CARPARELLI, Acting Director EU 2020, Social Policies, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Representative of the Social Protection Committee
Ludo HOREMANS, President of EAPN
Danielle DIERCKX, Researcher, Antwerp University
- 11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break
- 11.45 – 13.00 **Creative presentations on the theme of the meeting (part one)**
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Workshops 1st session**
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 – 18.00 **Workshops 2nd session**
- 20.30 – 23.30 Conference dinner

SATURDAY 14 MAY

- 09.30 – 10.30 **Creative Presentations on the theme of the meeting (2nd part)**
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 13.00 **Closing Plenary**
- Messages and Recommendations from the Workshops (11.00 – 11.30)
 - Reactions from participants (11.30 – 12.00)
 - Responses from Panel (12.00 – 12.30)
- Representative from the **EU Commission**
- Mick WOOLEY**, Chair of the Employment Committee
- Estelle CEULEMANS**, ETUC
- Rebekah SMITH**, Business Europe
- Open discussion** (12.30 -13.00)
- 13.00 – 13.15 **Formal Closing session**
- **Zoltán BALOG**, Minister of State for Social Inclusion, Hungary
 - Representative of the Future EU Polish Presidency
 - **Izabella MARTON**, Vice President of EAPN
- 13.15 – 14.45 Lunch
- 15.00 End of the 10th Meeting

Background Information on the Programme

Plenary Session on the follow up of Previous Meetings: This debate was prepared by 3 short documents coming from: 1) EU Commission, 2) EAPN, which show how these actors have tried to follow up on the issues discussed at the previous European Meetings; 3) a short document summarising the key finding from the research on the impact of the European Meetings. These three documents will replace the need for input at the start of this session so that immediately the session can start with inter action with the delegates and representatives of the actors who have prepared the papers will be available to respond to the questions.

Creative Presentations: Each delegation will be given three minutes to make a creative presentation on the topic of the 'reality of employment, work, jobs for people experiencing poverty and social exclusion.

Workshops: Each workshop will follow the same format. The topic for each workshop is the reality of employment, work, jobs, for people experiencing poverty and social exclusion. The preparation in National delegations, including their proposals on what would help to improve the reality for them in relation to this topic will facilitate the discussion in the workshops. Workshops will include the participation of representative's from: 1) The Commission, 2) the Parliament, 3) The Social Protection Committee and/or the Employment Committee 4) Social Partners, 5) Academics and 6) NGOs. The role of these representatives will be to interact with the discussion in the workshop, primarily to obtain a better understanding of the inputs been made by the delegates. They will also be expected to reflect on what they have heard in terms of the implications for their work regarding employment and social policies.

Report back for Workshops and Open discussion: After the workshop is over, for each workshop, one representative of the actors listed above and six of the delegates will be appointed to prepare the feed back from the workshop. These people will reflect on the workshops and identify the implications for policies (employment policies in particular) with a view to making progress on the Europe 2020 target to reduce poverty. In the Open discussion that follows this report back, the delegates will have a chance to react to the feedback.