

9th Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion

> 18-19 October 2010

Brussels



17th of October

Arrival of the participants

Activities related to the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

18th of October

8.30 Registration at Square Meeting Center

9.00 – 11.00 Opening plenary

Plenary session in the presence of His Majesty King Albert II of Belgium

Welcome

- Mr. Julien Van Geertsom, President of the federal public planning service for Social Integration, Belgium

Message from the 9th European Meeting of people experiencing poverty

- Representative from the meeting

Introduction to the conference

- Mr. Philippe Courard, Secretary of State for Social Integration and the Fight against Poverty, Belgium

Introductory speeches

- Mr. László Andor, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

- Member of the European Parliament and of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee

Active Inclusion and the role of the Social Partners

- Mr. John Monks, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation

- Mr. Philippe de Buck, Director General BUSINESSEUROPE

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 13.00 Parallel workshops

Six parallel workshops will be organised. Four will be on the implementation of three pillars of the Active Inclusion strategy, the other two on good governance and the new strategy Europe 2020.

1. Minimum Income and standard budgeting
2. Inclusive Labour Markets – How to empower workers in their working environment
3. Access to quality services – multidimensional approach to the specific situation of children in poor households
4. Access to services – How can green economy improve the conditions of people experiencing poverty
5. Good governance
6. The Europe2020 strategy and the poverty platform

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 17.00 Continuation of the morning workshops
(Coffee 15.30 – 16.00)

19.30 Reception, cultural event, and diner at the Halles of Schaerbeek

Cultural event offered by the European Commission in the framework of the European Year 2010 for combating poverty and social exclusion

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8.00 – 10.30 Site visits

Six site visits will be organised in and around Brussels related to the themes of the workshops. An alternative program will take place in Square Meeting Center.

1. Social Welfare Centre of Brussels
2. La ferme nos pilifs
3. 'T Lampeke
4. Les petits riens
5. Energiesnoeiers
6. ATD Quart monde Belgique
7. Best Practises showing the integration of experts by experience in public services and the integration of people with disabilities (in Square – starts at 9.00 a.m).

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee

11.00 – 12.30 Restitution of the workshops and debate

The conclusions of the workshops will be presented by the rapporteurs and joint rapporteurs (representatives from the 9th European meeting of people experiencing poverty), followed by a debate with the public

12.30 – 13.00 Closing plenary

Reflections

- Mr. Ludo Horemans, President of the European Anti Poverty Network

Looking forward to the tenth Round Table

- Ms. Jolanda Fedak, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Poland

Closing speech

- Mr. Philippe Courard, Secretary of State for Social Integration and the Fight against Poverty, Belgium

13.00 Lunch