

Conference in the European Parliament

## Seeking justice and prosperity for our common future in the European Union

European Economic Governance: A dialogue between theology, economics and politics

**Thursday, 22 June 2017, 09h00-11h00, Room A5E-1**

Moderation: Dr Detlef **Fechtner**, Deputy Editor-in-chief, Börsen-Zeitung, Frankfurt a.M.

08h30 Registration

09h00 Welcome and opening

Sven **Giegold**, MEP, Greens/European Free Alliance  
**Bishop Christopher** KCVO, DD President of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)

09h20 Introduction and overview on CEC's position document "*Seeking justice and prosperity for our common future in the European Union – European Economic Governance: a dialogue between theology, economics and politics*"

Dr Peter **Pavlovic**, CEC Study Secretary

09h30 Panel Discussion with two main areas:

- 1) European Economic Governance
- 2) Social and sustainable aspects of economic governance

Prof Dr Hans **Diefenbacher** Conference of European Churches'  
working group on European Economic Governance

Sven **Giegold** MEP, Greens/European Free Alliance

Marcel **Haag** General Secretariat, European Commission

Prof Dr Heikki **Hiilamo** Conference of European Churches'  
working group on European Economic Governance

Dimitrios **Papadimoulis** EP Vice-President, MEP  
European United Left/Nordic Green Left

10h55 Closing remarks

**Bishop Christopher** KCVO, DD, President, CEC

## Speakers



**Hans Diefenbacher**, born 1954 in Mannheim (Germany) is Professor of Economics at the Alfred Weber Institute of the university of Heidelberg and deputy director of the Protestant Institute of Interdisciplinary Research Heidelberg. He is volunteering as environmental officer of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) and member of the leadership team of ECEN (European Christian Environmental Network).



**Dr Detlef Fechtner** studied political science before he worked for a news agency as finance journalist in Frankfurt a.M. and Brussels. He wrote for several regional newspapers and for the *Börsen-Zeitung*, for which he is today the Deputy Editor-in-chief.



**Sven Giegold**, MEP from North-Rhine-Westphalia (Germany), is spokesperson for the German Green group in the European parliament and coordinator of the Greens/EFA group in the ECON (economy and monetary affairs) committee. As a political economist Sven has been active in the environmental and alternative globalization movements for more than 20 years. He is a member of the executive committee of the German Evangelical Church Assembly.



**Marcel Haag** studied law at the universities of Freiburg, Bonn, Strasbourg and at the EUI in Florence and qualified as a judge in Düsseldorf. After a short stint in business he joined the European Commission and worked in different Commission services. He was appointed Head of Unit in the Commission's Secretariat General in 2005 and served as head of several policy units. He is currently director of a directorate for policy coordination in the Secretariat General.



**Heikki Hiilamo** is Professor of Social Policy at Helsinki University and Kjell Nordstokke Professor at VID Specialized University in Oslo. Before joining Helsinki University he worked as Research professor at Social Insurance Institution, Kela. His research is focused on inequality, poverty, and basic income.



**Christopher Hill** - Bishop Christopher, President of the Conference of European Churches, has been involved in European ecumenism for many years working with the German Churches in the Meissen Commission, the Nordic and Baltic Churches in the Porvoo conversations and was Chairman of the French Lutheran Reform conversations with the Church of England. He was Chairman of the Council for Christian Unity of the Church of England until 2013 and served on its Faith and Order Commission. He also has an interest in ecclesiastical law. He has served on the Working Party for Women Bishops, Liturgical Commission, and the Clergy Discipline Commission. He had a role in the Royal Household of the United Kingdom as Clerk of the Closet from 2005 to 2014. This was in effect a Senior of the Royal Chaplains in which role he presented new Bishops to The Queen when they made personal homage.



**Dimitrios Papadimoulis**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left, head of SYRIZA delegation. In the European Parliament, he actively follows (among his other competencies) two extremely important committees for the idea of European Union: ECON (Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs), of which he is a full member, and REGI (Committee on Regional Development), of which he is a substitute member. He has worked as an engineer and business executive during the period of 1980 to 2004. His first term in the European Parliament was from 2004 to 2009, thereafter he served in the Greek Parliament from 2009 to 2014 and returned to the European Parliament as an MEP following the 2014 European elections.



**Dr Peter Pavlovic** - Before joining the Conference of European Churches (CEC) he studied natural science, theology and philosophy, was engaged in the research and worked as a general secretary of the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Slovakia. As the Study Secretary of the CEC is working on a dialogue between theology, ethics and politics. He is focusing on a public role of religion in current situation in Europe, theological perspectives on economy, ecology and sustainable development and engaged in leadership of European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN).