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## **DIALOGUE SEMINAR "European Social Market Economy"**

**14 December 2012  
Brussels, Charlemagne, Jenkins room**

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **09.00 - 09.15    Opening and Welcome**

Jean-Claude Thébault, Director General, Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA), European Commission

Rev. Rüdiger Noll, Director CSC of CEC

Stefan Lunte, Adviser for Social and economic policy of COMECE

#### **09.15 – 10.30    1<sup>st</sup> Session: European social market economy: social and competitive in a globalized world?**

Moderation: Jean-Claude Thébault

Olivier Guersent, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Michel Barnier, Internal Market and Services

Bishop Gianni Ambrosio, Bishop of Piacenza-Bobbio, Italy, Vice-President of COMECE

Landesbischof Prof. Dr. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern, Deutschland

Discussion

**10.30 – 10.45 Coffee/Tea Break**

**10.45 – 12.30 2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Converging toward a European social market economy?**

Moderation: Katharina von Schnurbein, Adviser at BEPA

Cortnie Shupe, Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung

The situation Member States:

- Prof. Dr. Heikki Tuomas Hiilamo, Social Insurance Institute of Finland (Church of Finland)
- Dr. Andrzej Sarnacki sj, Ignatianum University Krakow, Poland
- Prof Dr. Eelke de Jong, Radboud University Nijmegen (Protestant Church in the Netherlands)
- Pedro Vassalo, former member of the board of ACEJE, the Portuguese Association of Christian Entrepreneurs

Reaction of Margaritis Schinas, Deputy Head at BEPA

Discussion

**12.30 – 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 – 15.30 3<sup>rd</sup> Session: Youth unemployment – an imminent challenge across the EU**

Moderation: Sabine Seeger, VDI-Nachrichten

Ulrike Storost, Policy Coordinator at DG EMPL

Presentation of best practices:

- María José Tortosa Valls, Caritas diocésain Segorbe-Castellon, Spain
- Deborah Garden, Youth Work Development Advisor, Frontier Youth Trust, UK
- Raimund Egger, QuiK-Service of the Kolping Akademie Ingolstadt, Germany
- Father Spyridon Tsimouris, Attica, Palaia Kokkinia, Church of Greece

Reaction of DG EMPL

Discussion

**15.30 – 16.00 Conclusions**

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