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Shaping European Economic and Social Policies In Times of Uncertainty

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in the European Parliament, Brussels**

Hosted by Evelyne Gebhardt MEP

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of the Conference of European Churches

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The working language of the Conference will be English.

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The Conference will take place at the
European Parliament
Meeting Room PHS 4 B001
Rue Wiertz, 60
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9:30-9:40 Opening and Welcome

Evelyne Gebhardt MEP
Rev. Rüdiger Noll, Director,
Church & Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches

9:40-11:10 European Economic and Social Policies: Evaluation of the last 5 Years, Strategic Ideas for the Forthcoming Parliamentary Period

Short introductory statements by:
Karl von Wogau MEP, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (tbc.)
Stephen Hughes MEP, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
Heide Rühle MEP, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
Plenary discussion
Moderation: Rüdiger Noll

11:10-11:30 Coffee/Tea Break

11:30-13:00 European Economic Crisis: How to Protect the People in Europe?

Short introductory statements by:
Pervenche Beres MEP, Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament
Fritz von Nordheim Nielsen, European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Policy and Equal Opportunities
Ronald Janssen, Advisor for Labour Market Policy and European Employment Strategy at the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
N.N. (BusinessEurope)
Rev. Heikki Huttunen, General Secretary, Finnish Ecumenical Council
Plenary discussion
Moderation: Evelyne Gebhardt MEP

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Looking beyond 2010: How to Strengthen the Social Dimension of the Lisbon Strategy?

Short introductory statements by:
Outi Slotboom, Head of Unit, Lisbon Coordination and Economic Reforms, European Commission
Michal Zabokrtsky, European Affairs Advisor, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Presidency
Oberkirchenrat Prof. Dr. Raoul Kneucker, Lutheran Church in Austria
Elena Timofticiuc, Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania
Plenary discussion
Moderation: Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann,
Church & Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches

15:30-16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00-17:15 How Social is the Lisbon Treaty?

Vladimír Špidla, Member of the European Commission responsible for
Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Jan Cremers MEP, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (tbc.)
Rev. Dr. Donald Watts, General Secretary, Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Moderation: Evelyne Gebhardt MEP

17:15-17:30 Conclusions

Evelyne Gebhardt MEP
Rev. Rüdiger Noll, Director, Church & Society Commission of the Conference of
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