



DIALOGUE SEMINAR

Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion in the Framework of the EU 2020 Strategy

Bureau of European Policy Advisors (BEPA), European Commission
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Programme

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9:30-9:40

Opening and Welcome

Mr Jean-Claude Thebault, Head BEPA, European Commission
Rev. Rüdiger Noll, Director, CSC of CEC
Fr. Piotr Mazurkiewicz, General Secretary, COMECE

9:40-11:10

Synergies in combating poverty and social exclusion: Can we do even more together?

- Best practices
- Cooperation with churches, Diaconia and Caritas in EU programmes

M. Zlatko Malic, Observatory of poverty in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Caritas Europa)

Mr Evert Jan Hazeleger, Kerk in Actie, Utrecht

M. Michel Laine, Head of Unit in Directorate "European Social Fund. Monitoring of Corresponding National Policies III" of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission.

Ms Maureen O'Neill, Chairwoman of the EESC's Standing Group on the EU Year on combating poverty and social exclusion, European Economic and Social Committee

Discussion and further examples of best practices from across Europe (Greece, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal and Slovakia)

Moderator: M. Jorge César das Neves, Adviser, BEPA, European Commission

11:10-11:30 *Coffee/Tea Break*

11:30-13:00 **New Ways of Cooperation against Poverty: The European Platform**

- Tasks and strategy for the new European Platform
- Participation of other stakeholders like the churches

Mr. Julien Van Geertsom, President of the Federal Public Planning Service on Social Integration, Belgian Ministry of Urban Policy

Mrs Antonia Carparelli, Head of Unit "Inclusion, Social Policy Aspects of Migration, Streamlining of Social Policies", DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission.

Ms Elena Timofticiuc, Programme Manager, Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania (AIDRom)

M. Jérôme Vignon, President of "Semaines sociales de France", former Director for Social protection and Integration in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission.

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13.00 *Lunch*

14:30-15:45 **A multi-dimensional approach to combat poverty**

- Strategies of the European Union to combat poverty
- Strategies of the churches in Europe to combat poverty

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

Archbishop em. Jukka Paarma, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Bishop Giuseppe Merisi, Bishop of Lodi and President of Caritas Italia

Monsieur Philippe Courard, Secretary of State social inclusion and combat against poverty

Moderator: Fr. Piotr Mazurkiewicz, General Secretary, COMECE

15:45-16:00 **Conclusions**

Ms Alison Jackson, Co-Moderator CALL - Church Action on Labour and Life, Methodist Church in Great Britain