EUROPE FOR CITIZENS EVENT 2009

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POLICY DEBATE

GOLDEN STARS AWARDS

CEREMONY 2009

Brussels, Concert Noble, Rue d' Arlon 82, 16th December, 2009, 14:00

Programme

14.00 – 14.30 **Arrival and Registration of the participants**

(Possibility to visit the Golden Stars exhibition)

14.30 – 15.00 **Opening of the Policy Debate**

Speakers:
- Odile Quintin, Director General DG EAC
- Anton Rombouts, Committee of the Regions, Member of the Selection Committee of Golden Stars 2009

15.00-17:30 **Panel Debate *"Capitalising on the European Year of Volunteering to mobilise citizens to be active – roles and contributions of key actors'***

Moderator:
- Pierre Mairesse, Director DG EAC

Panelists:
- Marijke Steenbergen, President, European Volunteer Centre (CEV)
- Miriam Harkin, Member of the European Parliament
- Dame Elisabeth Hoodles, President VolontEurope
- Lucas Meijs, Professor of Volunteering, Civil Society and Business, University of Rotterdam
- ENGAGE EUROPE, name to still be provided
- Jeremy Smith, General Secretary, Council of European Municipalities and Regions

17.30-18:30 **Cocktail**

18:30-19:00 **Opening of the Golden Stars 2009 Award**

- Maros Sefcovic, Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth
- Staffan Nilsson, President of Group III (Various Interests) of the Economic and Social Committee and President of the Golden Stars - 2009 Selection Jury

19:00-20.30 **Award Giving Ceremony**

20.30 – 21.30 **Standing Reception and Buffet with visit of the exhibition**