



Electing Champions for a Social Europe

European Parliament Elections 2014

EAPN CONFERENCE

Tuesday 01/10/2013 – Brussels



Aims of the conference

Between 22 and 25 May 2014 European citizens will have the opportunity to elect for the 8th time the representatives of the European Parliament. This EAPN Conference aims at:

- ✓ Ensuring that the election debates are addressing the impact of current EU policies and actions on access to social rights
 - ✓ Ensuring that social issues, including the fight against poverty, inequality and discrimination are part of the debates at European and national levels in the context of the European Parliament Elections 2014
 - ✓ Influencing the content of the election manifestos of the political parties and the commitments they will make as part of their election campaigns
 - ✓ Strengthening alliances with other stakeholders
 - ✓ Generating momentum for an EAPN campaign on the European Elections
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Practical information

Date: *Tuesday 1 October (8.30 – 13.30)*

Venue: *Thon Hotel, Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Brussels, room Oslo*

Languages: *English & French*

Participants: *Approximately 180 participants – consisting of about 100 EAPN members and about 80 Brussels-based stakeholders: social NGOs, social partners, representatives of European and national institutions, academics...*

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Programme

8.30 – 9.00 *Registration*

9.00 – 10.30 **Opening Plenary: Civil Society and the European Parliament Elections 2014**

Joint Chairs: Sérgio Aires, President of EAPN, Letizia Cesarini Sforza, Vice-President of EAPN

Presentation of Actions and demands in relation to the European Elections from:

- Sabine Terlecki, Head of policy, CONCORD European NGO Confederation for relief and development
- Ophélie Durand, European Parliament Liaison Officer, AGE Platform Europe
- Claire Roumet, Vice-president, Social Platform
- Mary Collins, Policy Officer, European Women's Lobby

Questions and comments from the floor

Response from panelists

10.30 – 11.00 *Tea/Coffee*

11.00 – 13.00 **Second Plenary: for a more Social and Democratic Europe driven by participation – Election commitments of Political Parties**

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EAPN Introduction:

- ⇒ Presentation of EAPN proposals on the European Elections
- ⇒ Honoratte Muhanzi Kashale, EAPN Norway: Presentation of Messages from 12th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty

Representatives of the major European Political Parties:

- Csaba Öry, European People's Party
- Emer Costello, Party of European Socialists
- Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party – not present
- Philippe Lamberts, European Green Party
- Gabriele Zimmer, Party of European Left

Questions and comments

Responses from the political representative and concluding remarks

13.00– 13.15 **Closing Plenary: Conclusions from EAPN perspective and next steps**

13.15 – 14.00 *Lunch*



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