



A STRUCTURED CIVIL DIALOGUE FOR A CITIZEN-FRIENDLY EUROPEAN UNION

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European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
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Room JDE 62

PROGRAMME

9.30 to 10 a.m.	Registration of participants
10 to 10.45 a.m.	Opening session Welcome address by Staffan Nilsson , President of the Various Interests Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Introduction to the Paper “ <i>For a structured framework for European civil dialogue</i> ” by Carlotta Besozzi , Rapporteur, Director of the European Disability Forum (EDF) Statement by Anne-Marie Sigmund , Member of the EESC “ <i>Various Interests</i> ” Group on <i>European civil dialogue and the views of the European Economic and Social Committee</i>
10.45 to 11.30 a.m.	Speech by Viviane Reding , Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, followed by a questions and answers session
11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Round table on <i>Participatory democracy in action: examples of existing tools for civil dialogue at national and transnational levels</i> Moderator: Luk Zelderloo , Secretary General, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) Speakers: Martin Hirsch , High Commissioner for Active Solidarities against Poverty and for Young people (France) Ariane Rodert , National Forum for voluntary social work (Sweden) Jean-Marie Heydt , President of the INGO Conference of the Council of Europe General debate

1 to 2.30 p.m. **Buffet lunch**

2.30 to 4.30 p.m. **Round table on *Participatory democracy in action: towards a structured framework for European civil dialogue***

Moderators: **Jean-Marc Roirant**, President of the European Civic Forum (FCE) and **Conny Reuter**, President of the Platform of European social NGOs

Speakers: **A representative** of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)
Ramon Jauregui Atondo, Member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D)
A representative of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)
Isabelle Durant, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of the Greens/European Free Alliance Group (The Green/EFA)
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Member of the Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL)

General debate

4.30 to 5.15 p.m. **Closing session**

Diogo Pinto, Secretary General of the European Movement International (EMI)

Carlos Carnero Gonzáles, Special Ambassador for European Integration Projects, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, on behalf of the Presidency-in-office of the Council of the European Union

Mario Sepi, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)