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Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Social Affairs, October 19th, 2015

Chambre de Commerce, Kirchberg

Draft programme

Chair:

Mr Mars Di Bartolomeo, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, and
Mr Georges Engel, Chairman of the Committee on Labour, Employment and Social security

Sunday 18th October 2015

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| 14.00 – 19.00 | Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels |
| 19.00 | Departure by bus from the hotels for the dinner |
| 19.30 | Dinner hosted by Mr Mars Di Bartolomeo, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, at the restaurant « <i>Le Sud</i> »
<i>L-1123 Luxembourg, 8, Rives de Clausen</i> |
| around 22.00 | Return to the hotels by bus |

Monday 19th October 2015

- 8.45 – 9.00 Arrival of the participants
- 9.00 Opening of the meeting
- Welcome from the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Mr Mars Di Bartolomeo
 - Speech held by Ms Marianne Thyssen, Member of the European Commission, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility
- 9.30 **« Moving forward for the social Triple A »: integrate the social dimension in all European union policies**
- Introduction by Mr Frank Vandebroucke, University of Leuven (Belgium): « Unequal Europe »
 - Mr Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social and Solidarity Economy
 - Mr Romain Schneider, Minister of Social Security
 - Mr Thomas Händel, Chairman of the Committee on Employment and Social affairs of the European Parliament
 - Debate
- 11.15 Official picture and coffee break
- 11.45 **Working groups**
- Working group 1: Common social values**
- Panel of experts:
Ms Fran Bennett (Oxford University),
Ms Sandy Ruxton (Oxford University),
Prof. Dr Bernd Schlüter (European Economic and Social Committee)
 - Debate and conclusions
- Working group 2: Further socialisation of the European Semester**
- Panel of experts:
Mr Bart Vanhercke (European Social Observatory),
Mr Jonathan Zeitlin (University of Amsterdam)
 - Debate and conclusions
- 13.15 Lunch break
- 14.45 Plenary session: presentation of the working groups' conclusions and debate
- 16.30 End of the meeting and departure of delegations