



Conference

*Another Europe is possible: for a fair distribution
An urgent call for a social, democratic and sustainable Europe*

Thursday, 13th of February 2014

Venue: Brussels, Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75-1040 Brussels

The 'Alliances to fight poverty' started in 2010 to counter the rising poverty, social inclusion and inequality in Europe and answer the threatening challenges they represent. The Alliances are a coalition of grassroots organisations, workers movements, trade unions, social think tanks and experts from already 13 European countries. We have created a platform for a renewed Europe by sharing experiences, knowledge and different views. This renewed Europe should be social, democratic and sustainable.

The Alliances want to successfully push back poverty, social exclusion and inequality at every level of society.

Our goal as the 'Alliances to fight poverty' is to gather NGOs, social partners and civil society along with cities, regions, member states and the European institutions around a new vision of Europe wherein fair distribution occupies centre stage.

The 'Alliances to fight poverty' call upon all concerned about poverty, social exclusion and rising inequality to join and strengthen their push for a renewed Europe. We can all make a difference.

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place: Meeting room: Belgium I and II

Program

9.00 am- 9.30 am Registration of the participants

9.30 am Opening words

9.45 am Why a more equal Europe works better for everyone- Richard Wilkinson, The Equally Trust, UK)

10.45 am Presentation of the Call: Another Europe is Possible- For a fair distribution

11.00 am Coffee break

11.20 am The Call: 9 priorities selected by European Social Organisations.
With the collaboration of Claire Roumet, vice-president of Social Platform; Peter Kelly, vice-president of EAPN; Ronald Janssen, advisor economic governance of ETUC; Mahmood Messkoub and Jeremy Leaman of Euromemogroup; Pierre Defraigne, executive director of Madariaga Foundation-College of Europe; and Patrick De Bucquois, president of Social Services Europe.

12.30 pm *Lunch*

1.30 pm Speakers' corner: voices for another Europe

2.00 pm Voting session: the 9 priorities of the Call from the public

2.45 pm European Parliamentarians react on the 9 priorities of the Call. With the collaboration of Elmar Brok (EPP, GER), Guy Verhofstadt (ALDE, BE), Catherine Stihler (PES, Scotland), Karima Delli (Greens/EFA), Gabriele Zimmer (GUE, GER)
Moderated by Hajo Friedrich, journalist

4.00 pm Closing remarks from the Alliances to Fight Poverty by Mary Murphy (Ireland)

4.10 pm Drink



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