

Group of European civil society organisations
signatory to the Manifesto:
For a Genuine European Civil Dialogue



European Economic and Social Committee
Various Interests Group

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL DIALOGUE: ORGANISED CIVIL SOCIETY CALLS ON MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

14 April 2009

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
99, rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels
Room JDE 62

PROGRAMME

9.30 to 10 a.m.	Registration of participants
10 to 10.30 a.m.	Opening session Welcome address by Staffan Nilsson , president of the Various Interests Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Introductory statement by Carlotta Besozzi , Director of the European Disability Forum (FEPH/EDF), on behalf of the European networks signatories to the <i>Manifesto for a true European civil dialogue</i>
10.30 to 11 a.m.	Introduction by Paolo Ponzano , Principal Adviser <i>Institutional issues</i> to Catherine Day, Secretary General of the European Commission
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Round table on <i>Civil dialogue and the Treaty of Lisbon</i> Moderator: A representative of European civil society organisations and networks (tbd) Speakers: Richard Corbett , MEP, member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, on <i>the perspectives for developing civil dialogue under the treaty of Lisbon: the European Parliament's position</i> Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann , MEP, member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, rapporteur in charge of the report on <i>guidelines for a proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation of the European Citizens' Initiative</i> Two representatives of European civil society organisations and networks (tbd) General debate
1 to 2.30 p.m.	Buffet lunch

2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Round table on *Civil dialogue civil and the European elections*

Moderator: **Ferdinando RICCARDI**, editorialist, Agence Europe

Speakers: **Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats (EPP-ED)
Jo Leinen, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Member of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament (PES)
Andrew Duff, Member of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)
Jean Lambert, Member of the Greens/European Free Alliance (EFA) Group
Francis Wurtz, President of the Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL)

General debate

4.30 to 5 p.m. Closing session

Jean-Marc Roirant, Président du Forum civique européen (FCE)
Mario Sepi, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

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