

**List of Organisations to be invited to the Workshop on Intergenerational
Solidarity
Joint event with Churches and non-confessional organisations
Implementation of Art. 17 TFEU**

Mr Alan Frommer
Président de l'Association Européenne de la Pensée Libre

Mr Joseph Asselbergh
Président de l'Association Maçonnique Européenne

Ms Sarah Vader
Representative of the Bahá'í International Community to the European Union

Mr Pierre-Arnaud Perrouy
Directeur du Centre d'Action Laïque

Mr Nicolas Szomersztajn
Rédacteur en chef du Centre Communautaire Laïc Juif (CCLJ)

Rev Rüdiger Noll
Director of the Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)

Mr Roger Cordier
Président de la Commission Nationale Permanente de la Laïcité

Mgr Piotr Mazurkiewicz
General-Secretary of COMECE

Dr Michael Vermeulen
Representative to the European Union of the European Buddhist Union

Ms Raya Kalenova
Deputy Secretary General of the European Jewish Congress

Ms Malika Hamidi
Representative of the European Muslim Network

Mr Pierre Galant
Secrétaire Général de la Fédération Humaniste Européenne

Ms Catherine Jeannin Naltet
Présidente de la Grande Loge Féminine de France

Mr Martin Gurvich
Secretary General of the Hindu Forum of Belgium

Mr Jean Michel Quillardet
Président de l'Observatoire International de la Laïcité contre les dérives communautaires



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- DRAFT PROGRAMME -

Intergenerational Solidarity

Dialogue with Churches and Non-Confessional Organisations

Chaired by EP Vice-President László Surján

Organised by Policy Department A

Wednesday, 14 November 2012, 14:30 - 17:30

**Venue: European Parliament, Brussels,
Altiero Spinelli building, ASP5G3**

The workshop is organised at the request of the Bureau to provide a discussion platform for churches and non-confessional organisations on the subject of intergenerational solidarity.

Intergenerational solidarity refers to the mutual support and cooperation between different age groups in order to achieve a society where people of all ages have a role to play in line with their needs and capacities, and can benefit from their community's economic and social progress on an equal basis. 2012 as the European Year of Active Ageing and Intergenerational solidarity offers the opportunity to mobilize all actors and resources to find innovative solutions to address the demographic challenge and create an age-friendly environment allowing all citizens to lead more active and independent lives for longer.

This workshop will provide concrete examples of solidarity between generations leading to increased mutual learning and understanding.

Given the time allotted to the workshop and the need to allow enough time for discussion, the workshop will focus on two of the following subjects:

- Exchanges between generations - transfer of time and of skills

The experts shall highlight exchanges between generations in their various forms, concentrating on the transfer of time and of skills. They will in particular address the two following topics:

The role of older people as informal carers is highly important in social relationships when pensioners are too often only seen as beneficiaries while in fact, they generate a flow of services, which is as invisible as indispensable to society.

Through mentoring, an older worker introduces a younger worker to his/her social and professional environment. This constitutes a valuable aid for the youth and is also highly valued by older workers and recently retired workers because it allows them to make use of their professional skills and maintain contact with the work environment.

- Intergenerational housing

Intergenerational housing can take various forms, such as different generations of one family living under the same roof ("Mehrgenerationenhäuser" in Germany), older people offering a room to students in exchange for some help in the house, or cohousing projects where people of all ages live together to share more of their daily life than would be the case in a normal neighbourhood, which also includes helping out your neighbour when in need, be it for young families who need a babysitter or older people who need help with the shopping.

The experts will shed light on coresidence patterns of parents and their adult children in a European perspective, as well as give an insight into the reasons why people choose to live in an intergenerational cohousing and how this works in practice.

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14:30 - 14:40 Welcome and opening by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament

Session 1: Intergenerational solidarity in practice - two examples

14:40 - 14:50 Opening address by Vice-President Surján: Intergenerational solidarity - a two-way street

14:50 - 15:10 First example on intergenerational solidarity :
Exchange between generations, transfer of time and of skills
Anna d'Addio, OECD
Jasper van Loo, CEDEFOP

15:10 - 15:25 Q&A session with participants (followed by Q&A with audience)

15:25 - 15:45 Second example on intergenerational solidarity:
Intergenerational housing
Marc Szydlik, Universität Zürich (tbc)
Luk Jonckheere, Chairman of 'Samenhuizen' and inhabitant of Cohousing 'La Grande Cense' (tbc)

15:45 - 16:00 Q&A session with participants (followed by Q&A with audience)

Session 2: Discussion

16:00 - 17:20 Discussion

17:20 - 17:30 Closing remarks by Chair