

Closing Conference of the European Year For Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

▶ 16-17 December 2010, Brussels











16th December 2010

- Arrival of the participants
- Dinner for the participants
- Dinner for the Ministers and Secretaries of States present

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Charlemagne building	
9h00 - 9h30	Registration
<u>Chair</u>	Julien Van Geertsom, President of the Belgian Federal Public Planning Service for Social Integration.
<u>Plenary</u>	
9h30 - 9h35	« Message from people experiencing poverty »
9h35 — 10h30	Welcome, Christine Mahy, President of the Belgian Antipoverty Network. Introduction to the conference.
	Panel discussion:
	Philippe Courard, Secretary of State for Social Integration and Combating Poverty
	László Andor, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
	Ludo Horemans, EAPN / European Year 2010 NGO coalition
10h30 - 11h00	Round table with the Ministers and Secretaries of State from the participating Countries
11h00 - 12h50	Project path: "Sharing, learning, inspiring" . Introduction: Antonia Carparelli , European Commission Social Inclusion policies. Exhibition of projects from 29 participating countries (video corner, speakers' corner, library, photos). Coffee included.
12h50 - 14h00	Lunch
14h -14h45	Journalist Awards with the presence of Lesley-Anne Knight (European Ambassador of the European Year)
<u>Final session</u>	
14h45 — 15h15	Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament
	Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council
	José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission
	Yves Leterme, Prime Minister of Belgium
15h20 - 15h25	Signature of the Final Declaration by all Ministers present
15h25	Philippe Courard, Secretary of State for Social Integration and Combating Poverty, closing and invitation to reception in Brussels City Hall
City Hall of Brussels	
16h00	Reception in the Gothic Room
	Welcome address, Freddy Thielemans, Mayor of Brussels City.
17h30	Closing