

Programme

North-South Capacity Building “A Common Future in the Eurozone?”

Monday 30 September

Introduction day

Location: Office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Rue d’Arlon 15, 1040 Brussels

9.30 Welcome and brief introduction to the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union and the programme of the capacity building

Bastian Hermisson (director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union), **Marianne Ebertowski** (director European Programme Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union), **Aldo Caruso** (coordinator Visitor Programme and Communication)

9.45 Introduction of the participants, expectations, specific questions

10.45 – 12.30 **The crisis in the eurozone: are austerity measures leading to a north-south divide and what alternatives are there?**

Input

Julian Rappolt (Germany), **Héctor Sánchez Margalef** (Spain)

Facilitator

Marianne Ebertowski (director European Programme Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union)

Comments

Dr Ferdi De Ville (assistant professor at the Centre for EU Studies, Department of Political Science, Ghent University), **Dr Nikos Chrysoloras** (Brussels-based correspondent for *Kathimerini*, Greece’s leading newspaper)

11.30 – 12.30 Discussion

14.00 – 16.00 **The crisis in the eurozone and the north-south divide. What do we expect from Europe?**

Location: European Parliament, room A7387

Input

Stephan Kühnle (Germany), **Christoforos Pavlakis** (Greece)

Facilitator

Aldo Caruso (coordinator Visitor Programme and Communication, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union)

Comments

Ska Keller (MEP Greens/EFA, Germany), **Rui Tavares** (MEP Greens/EFA, Portugal), **Benis Levis** (economy advisor to Nikos Chrysogelos, MEP Greens/EFA, Greece), **Claude Weinber** (general secretary Green European Foundation, GEF), **Helga Trüpel** (MEP)

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 17.30 Conclusions, questions, general evaluation after day 1
Aldo, Julian, Hector, Stephan and **Christoforos**

Tuesday 1 October

Youth unemployment

Location: Office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Rue d'Arlon 15, 1040 Brussels

9.30 – 12.30 Youth unemployment in Europe: what should be done about it?

Input

Vasco Batista (Portugal)

Facilitator

Claire Dhéret (policy analyst European Policy Centre)

Comments

Lukás Veselý (assistant cabinet László Andor, Commissioner Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion), **Stan van Alphen** (DG Education and Culture), **Brice Cristoforetti** (advisor to MEP Karima Delli, Greens/EFA, France), **Guillermo Rodriguez** (staff Greens/EFA, working on youth campaign)

11.15 – 12.30 Discussion

14.00 – 15.45 Youth unemployment in Europe: What should be done about it?

Meeting with **European NGOs, think tanks** and other organisations working on youth unemployment

Location: European Greens Rue Wiertz 31 - 1050 Brussels

Input

Armanda Cetrulo (Italy)

Facilitator

James Higgins (policy officer European Youth Forum)

Comments

Mikkel Barslund (PhD, research fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies), **Dr Sotiria Theodoropoulou** (senior researcher European Trade Union Institute, ETUI), **Amana Ferro** (policy officer, European Anti-Poverty Network, EAPN)

14.45 – 15.45 Discussion

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 18.00 Youth unemployment in Europe: What should be done about it?

Meeting with **European trade unions and employer organisations**

Location: European Greens Rue Wiertz 31 - 1050 Brussels

Input

Carolina Silva (Portugal)

Facilitator

Margherita Bussi (researcher ETUI, author ETUC Study 'Quality Education for Quality Jobs')

Comments

Ina Hinzer (Liaison office of the Confederation of German Trade Unions, DGB), **Pablo Sánchez Centellas** (policy staff Communication, Public Relations, Liaison with the European Parliament, Youth, European Federation of Public Service Unions, EPSU), **Robert Plummer** (advisor to the Social Affairs Committee Business Europe)

17.00 – 18.00 Discussion

18.30 – 19.00 Conclusions, questions, general evaluation after day 2
Aldo, Armanda and **Carolina**

Wednesday 2 October

Field trip to Antwerp: Visit to youth unemployment project and University of Antwerp

Facilitator

Bastian Hermisson (director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union)

10.00 – 12.00 JES Antwerpen (www.jes.be/antwerpen, 03/272 30 73)
Location: **Borgerhoutsestraat 34, 2018 Antwerpen**

Questions

Rica Heinke (Germany)

15.00 – 17.00 Protest-Survey-Project University of Antwerp:

Location: **Faculteit PSW, Gebouw M (De Meerminne) Sint-Jacobstraat 2 2000 Antwerpen**

Ruud Wouters and fellow researcher present their **Protest-Survey-Project** (www.protestsurvey.eu). Focus on the results concerning the attitudes of the protesters and comparing them to the attitudes of the general population in the various countries.

Questions

Stylian Kampani (Greece), **Maria Valentina Lasorella** (Italy)

17.00 – 18.00 Conclusions, questions, general evaluation after day 3 (**Bastian, Stylian, Valentina** and **Bastian**)

Thursday 3 October

European citizens and the crisis – between nationalism and new forms of solidarity and participation

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9.30 – 12.30 Nationalism, anti-EU attitudes, populism and ways to overcome them: the situation in the various countries

Input

Marta Paradés Martín (Spain), **Dilek Burcu Gürsel** (Germany)

Facilitator

Mana Livardjani (director Union of European Federalists, Brussels)

Comments

Ulrike Lunacek (MEP, vice-president Greens/EFA, Austria), **Teun Pauwels** (Flemish Ministry of Education), **William Aitchison** (Eurobarometer), **Luis Alvarado Martínez** (president AEGEE, Spain)

11.00 – 12.30 Discussion

14.00 – 16.00 New protest movements and social networks: part of the problem or part of the solution?

Location: European Greens Rue Wiertz 31 - 1050 Brussels

Input

Stephanie Reuter (Germany), **Mar de Salas** (Spain), **Giuseppe Avigliano** (Italy)

Facilitator

Luigi Sementilli (Belgian Ambassador to *One Young World*)

Comments

Jan Philipp Albrecht (MEP Greens/EFA, Germany), **Mattias Bjarnemalm** (head of office MEP Amelia Andersdotter, Greens/EFA, Sweden/ Pirate Party), **Monica Frassoni** (president European Green Party), **Dr Francine Mestrum** (World Social Forum)

16.00 – 17.00 Discussion

17.00 – 18.00 Conclusions, questions, general evaluation after day 4

Luigi, Marta, Dilek, Stephanie, Giuseppe and **Mar**

Friday 4 October

Focus: Perspectives for the future - how to beat the crisis in solidarity?
Wrap-up day and public presentation of conclusions

Parallel workshops 9.30 – 11.30

Location: Office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Rue d'Arlon 15, 1040 Brussels

Workshop 1: Economic consequences of the crisis

Focus: Austerity measures, alternative options

- How do the austerity measures affect the economies of the countries on which they are imposed?
- Which alternative anti-crisis measures are there and how would they work?

- What actions would we like to see from Europe, from our national governments – what can we do ourselves?

Input

Sven Giegold (MEP Greens/EFA, Germany)

Facilitator

Maria Delfina Rossi Silvano (advisor to MEP Raül Romeva I Rueda, Greens/EFA, Catalonia, Spain)

Participants

Dilek Burcu Gürsel (Germany), **Stephan Kühnle** (Germany), **Héctor Sánchez Margalef** (Spain), **Christoforos Pavlakis** (Greece) and **Maria Valentina Lasorella** (Italy)

Workshop 2: Social consequences of the crisis

Focus: Unemployment, poverty

- How do unemployment and poverty affect people's participation in society?
- Why is youth unemployment particularly problematic?
- What measures do we expect from the EU and from national governments to fight (youth) unemployment effectively?
- How can young people act themselves against unemployment?

Input

Herlinde Vanhooydonck (policy officer European Social Platform)

Facilitator

James Higgins (policy officer European Youth Forum)

Participants

Stylian Kampani (Greece), **Carolina Silva** (Portugal), **Armanda Cetrulo** (Italy), **Stephanie Reuter** (Germany) and **Mar de Salas** (Spain)

WS 3 – Political consequences of the crisis

Focus: nationalism/populism, ways to overcome them and reclaim the “European project”

- How is the way European leaders handle the crisis being perceived by people in northern and southern member states?
- Which aspects make nationalism and populism so appealing to people in times of crisis?
- How can the political dissatisfaction of people be turned into a positive, constructive force?
- How could social media be used to contribute to a new solidarity between people from northern and southern countries?

- How can young people from the northern and southern member states work together for their future?

Facilitator

Kathrin Renner (vice-president and external relations director AEGEE, Germany)

Input

Carlos Mascarell Vilar (policy officer Governance and Citizenship, Council of European Municipalities and Regions)

Participants

Julian Rappold (Germany), **Rica Heinke** (Germany), **Vasco Batista** (Portugal), **Marta Paredés Martín** (Spain) and **Giuseppe Avigliano** (Italy)

11.30 – 12.30 Plenary debate conclusions

14.00 – 16.00 Finalising Conclusions

16.00 Presentation conclusions



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