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BEYOND AUSTERITY: BUILDING EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY



## PROGRAMME

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Six years into the crisis, it has become evident that austerity policies are having detrimental social and economic effects in Europe. Unemployment, in particular among the young, is at unprecedented high levels in countries such as Spain, Italy, Greece and also Sweden. Growth rates have been sluggish across Europe and inequalities – between gender and people of different ethnic background, between different regions and different European countries – have significantly increased.

The mainstream response has been to advocate more austerity combined with supply-side labour market reforms, more liberalisation and privatization, and a reduced role for the state. However, this approach disregards the need for Europe to embark on a new developmental trajectory where solidarity (at least in terms of job creation, equitable and sustainable growth, and reduced disparities amongst citizens) takes centre stage.

Looking towards the European elections in 2014, we are challenged to foster European solidarity in order to ensure equity and social and economic justice. To this end, together with leading progressive economists, political scientists, civil society organisations, as well as high-level European politicians, this year's **Call to Europe** is debating an alternative social and economic approach for Europe and the importance of building European solidarity as a whole.

The event will span two days. On **day one** there will be two fringe roundtable discussions on employment and an evening dinner debate on alternative socio-economic models to bring back equitable growth and solidarity in European society. **Day two** will follow the traditional format of Call to Europe.

**Format of Call to Europe**

Call to Europe will have **three sessions** with **six speakers** in each. Speakers are divided into three expert tables: 1) academics; 2) MEPs and policy makers; 3) Experts from civil society organisations, trade unions or NGO's (hereafter civil society). Each expert table will be represented by two speakers.

Each session will take two hours and will be divided into **three consecutive rounds** of 20 minutes each followed by a **Q&A session** of 60 minutes.

In each round **one expert table will answer a question** (5 minutes per speaker) and **the other two expert tables will respond** to the issues raised by the previous contributors (2.5 minutes per speaker). Thus, we kindly ask for a 10 minutes contribution from each speaker. Questions will be distributed in advance and can be found in the programme below. The format of a round is outlined in table 1.

*Table 1 Call to Europe Rounds per session*

	<b>ROUND 1</b>	<b>ROUND 2</b>	<b>ROUND 3</b>
<b>Academics</b>	<b>Answer the question (5 minutes per expert)</b>	Respond (2.5 minutes per expert)	Respond (2.5 minutes per expert)
<b>MEPs &amp; Policy Makers</b>	Respond (2.5 minutes per expert)	<b>Answer the question (5 minutes per expert)</b>	Respond (2.5 minutes per expert)
<b>Civil Society</b>	Respond (2.5 minutes per expert)	Respond (2.5 minutes per expert)	<b>Answer the Question (5 minute per expert)</b>

At the end of the three rounds the floor will be given to **discussants and high level journalists**. The role of the discussants and high level journalists is to briefly react to the issues raised in the sessions and to ask questions to the speakers. This round of discussion will then be followed by a Q&A session.



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## PROGRAMME

### Location

**Concert Noble**  
Rue d'Arlon 82  
1000 Brussels

### Monday 16 September – Evening programme

**“LA RÉCEPTION DE RENTRÉE ”**  
**HOW TO BUILD EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY**  
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18:00 – 19:30

**Reception**  
Public event

**Honourable guest**

**Reflections on how to build European solidarity**

**Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament

**Launch of Queries, the European progressive magazine**

A platform for European progressive opinions

**Ernst Stetter**, Secretary General of FEPS

### Tuesday 17 September 2013

09:30

**Building a European progressive ‘Renaissance’**

**Massimo D’Alema**, President of FEPS and former Prime Minister of Italy

09:45

**Progressive requirements for a reformed Economic and Monetary Union**

**Malcolm Sawyer**, Emeritus Professor of Economics at Leeds University and  
Principal Investigator of the EU funded project FESSUD, United Kingdom

10:00 – 12:00

**Session 1 – The quest for wage-led growth in Europe**

What is wage-led growth and why does Europe need to move from finance-led capitalism to a wage-led growth model? (Academics)

What economic policies and institutional changes have been implemented both at European and at national level to create a wage-led growth strategy? (MEPs)

What are the consequences of wage competition between European countries and how can it be overcome? (Civil Society)

Experts

**Engelbert Stockhammer**, Professor of Economics at the Kingston University of London, United Kingdom

**Özlem Onaran**, Professor of Workforce and Economic Development Policy, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom

**Udo Bullmann**, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group, Germany

**Anne van Lancker**, Member of the SP.a and former Member of the European Parliament, Belgium (tbc)

**Béla Galgóczi**, Senior Researcher at the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), Hungary

**Gustav A. Horn**, Scientific Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) at the Hans-Böckler-Foundation and member of the FEPS Scientific Council, Germany

Discussants

**Rémi Bazillier**, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Orléans and member of the FEPS Scientific Council and the FEPS Next Left Focus Group, France

**Erik Bjørsted**, Senior Analyst, Economic Council of the Labour Movement (ECLM), Denmark

**Ronny Mazzocchi**, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Trento and member of the FEPS Next Left Focus Group, Italy

Moderation

**Ernst Stetter**, Secretary General of FEPS, Germany

Rapporteur

**Ewa Karwowski**, PhD Candidate at SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom

12:00 – 13:00

**Lunch**

13:00 – 15:15

**Session 2 – Innovation and growth in Europe**

How does innovation come about, and how should it be financed? (Academics)

What economic policies and institutional changes have been implemented at EU and national level to make sure that finance supports and fosters innovation and growth in Europe? (MEPs)

What policies (financial, macroeconomic and structural) are needed to stimulate innovation and technological development of SMEs in Europe? (Civil Society)

### **Opening speech**

**Sergei Stanishev**, President of the PES

### Experts

**Mariana Mazzucato**, RM Phillips professor of science and technology policy at Sussex University, United Kingdom

**Stephany Griffith-Jones**, Financial Markets Director at the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University, United States

**Patrizia Toia**, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group, Italy

**Werner Wobbe**, Researcher at the European Commission, General Directorate Research and Innovation, Germany

**Gunilla Almgren**, President of the European Association of craft, small and medium-sized enterprises (UEAPME), Sweden

**John Evans**, Secretary General of the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) of the OECD, United Kingdom

### Discussants

**Gary Dymski**, Chair in Applied Economics at the Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds, United Kingdom

**Marica Frangakis**, Economist and member of the European Economists for an Alternative Economic Policy in Europe (Euro Memo Group), Greece

**G rard Fuchs**, Director of the International Department of the Fondation Jean Jaur s, France

### Moderation

**Inger Segelstr m**, Member of the FEPS Bureau and Secretary General of the Forum for the Nordic cooperation between the Social Democrats and the Trade Union movement, Sweden

### Rapporteur

**Tam s Boros**, Director of Policy Solutions and Member of the FEPS Scientific Council, Hungary

15:15 – 15:30

**Competitiveness and innovation, a long term perspective ?**

**Clara Gaymard**, President of General Electric (GE) France and vice-President of GE International, France

15:30 – 15:45

**Coffee break**

15:45 – 18:00

**Session 3 – Building European solidarity: value-based policies for equitable growth and employment**

How can welfare and income policies positively influence employment creation in Europe? (Academics)

What socio-economic policies and institutional changes have been implemented at EU and national level to achieve a more equitable growth and to strengthen labour markets? (MEPs)

What social policies are needed to tackle youth unemployment and job insecurity for women? (Civil Society)

**Opening speech**

**Hannes Swoboda**, President of the S&D Group, Austria

Experts

**Luc Soete**, Rector Magnificus of Maastricht University, Belgium

**Paul Teague**, Professor of management at the Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland

**Zita Gurmai**, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group, Hungary

**Josef Weidenholzer**, President of Solidar, Austria

**Ania Skrzypek**, FEPS Senior Research Fellow, Poland

**Nat O' Connor**, Director of TASC, Ireland

Discussants

**Olga Zrihen**, Member of the Belgian Senate for the PS, Belgium

**Berkay Özcan**, lecturer at the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics, United Kingdom

**Friederieke Habermann**, Economist, historian and political scientist, Germany

Moderation

**Bruno Liebhaberg**, Chair of the FEPS Scientific Council, Belgium



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Rapporteur

**Christophe Sente**, political scientist at the Université Libre Bruxelles and Member of the FEPS Scientific Council, Belgium

18:00 – 18:15

**Reconstruction in Europe**

**László Andor**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

18:15 – 18:30

**Closing speech**

**Massimo D'Alema**, President of FEPS and former Prime Minister of Italy

*Translation will be provided in English and French*





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