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Ecumenical Conference on poverty

New Ways of Solidarity

**A joint commitment to combating poverty and social
exclusion**

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14:00 Registration at the European Parliament, Entrance xxx

14:30 Word of welcome: COMECE, Father Piotr Mazurkiewicz (2-5min)

Opening of the Conference by Mr. Jerzy Buzek MEP, President of the Ep (20min)

Thanks and introduction of the conference by Eurodiaconia, Heather Roy (2-5min)

15:00 Recommendations from Church organisations to the EU and member States

Presentation of the contents of the Ecumenical text and recommendations, Dieter Heidtmann **(5-7min)**

15:10 Reaction of policy makers and debate:

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Erny Gillen, President of Caritas Europa (2 min)

EU Belgian Presidency: Julien van Geertsom or Magda de Meyer (TBC) (5-7min)

EPP Joseph Daul (TBC) (5-7min)

ALDE Marian Harkin (TBC) (5-7min)

Greens/EFA Jean Lambert (TBC) (5-7min)

Debate (30 min)

16.10 Questions from the floor

16h30 Panel discussion: How can we cooperate for a real change?

Facilitator: Rüdiger Noll, CEC (2 min)

H.E. Mgr. Reinhard Marx, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, Vice-president of COMECE (5-7min)

MEP Pervenche Berès (TBC) (5-7min)

European Commission: Commissioner Andor or Robert Verrue (TBC) **(5-7min)**

Eurodiaconia, Mrs. Ninni Smedberg, Direktor Vårsta Diakonigård **(5-7min)**

Debate (30 min)

17.20 Questions from the floor

17.40 Conclusions by Ms. Katerina Karkala-Zorbas, Church of Greece & Caritas (2010 ambassador

François Soulage or Franz Kuberl TBC)

18:00 Cocktail & exhibition on Churches' activities to combat poverty, hosted by EP Vice-President László Tőkés

Practical information: The working languages of the Conference will be EN, FR and DE.