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

> 16-17 December 2010, Brussels



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- Arrival of the participants
- Networking dinner (participants, public authorities)
- Dinner for the Ministers and Secretaries of States present

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#### Charlemagne building

9h00 - 9h30

Registration & Coffee

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Chair	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 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 / NGO's coalition
10h30 — 11h00	Round table with the Ministers and Secretary of State from the participating Countries
11h00 - 12h30	<b>Project path: Sharing, learning, inspiring »</b> . Introduction: <b>Antonia Carparelli</b> , Head of Unit Social Inclusion, European Commission. Exhibition of projects from 29 partners countries (video corner, speakers' corner, library, photos). Coffee included.
12h30 — 12h50	European Minister's speeking time
12h50 - 14h00	Lunch
14h -14h45	Journalist Awards with the presence of Lesley Knight (European Ambassador of the European Year).
Final session	
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	<b>Philippe Courard,</b> Secretary of State for social integration and combating poverty, closing and invitation to reception in the City hall of Brussels
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16h00	Reception in the Gothic Room
	Welcoming address, <b>Freddy Thielemans</b> , Mayor of Brussels City.
17h30	Closure

