

**ARTICLE 17 DIALOGUE SEMINAR**

***A DIFFERENT TAKE ON EUROPE***

***Listening to civil society***

**organized by Directorate General Justice and Consumers (DG JUSTICE) and the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC) in association with the European Association of Free Thought (AEPL), Contribution des Obédiences Maçonniques Adogmatiques et Libérales à la Construction Européenne (COMALACE), Egalité, Laïcité, Europe (EGALE), Institut Maçonnique Européen (IME) and the European Humanist Federation (EHF)**

**Programme**

**9:30 - 10:00 - Registration and coffee**

**10:00 - 10:30 - Opening** by Emmanuel Crabit, Director, Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law, DG JUSTICE and Claude Wachtelaer, President, AEPL

**10:30 – 11:15 - Keynote speech -** Presentation of the document: A DIFFERENT TAKE ON EUROPE, THE NEED TO REFOUND IT, Alain Jean, AEPL

*Questions and Answers*

**11:15 - 12:45 - 1st session: the future of European democracy**

**Moderator:** Eric Paradis, AEPL

‘Perception and expectations of the Central and Eastern European Countries’, Matyas Eorsi, AEPL

‘Lignes de force pour une Europe laïque et démocratique’, Jean De Brueker, President, COMALACE

‘Humanist perspectives on the development of the European Union’, Michael Bauer, Chair of Humanistischer Verband Deutschlands –Bayern, EHF

Response of the European Commission: Said El Khadraoui, Adviser, EPSC

*Questions and Answers*

**12:45 – 14:15 - Lunch**

**14.15 – 16:15 -** **2nd session: facing social challenges: what role for Europe?**

**Moderator**: Vincent Depaigne, DG JUSTICE

‘How long do we still have to wait for a real European Social Policy?’, Martine Cerf, EGALE

‘Pour une Europe solidaire et sociale’, David Lopez, Pôle international pour la Ligue de L’Enseignement (France), EHF

‘Digital transition, labour, employment and new solidarities’, Eric Maertens, AEPL

‘L’avenir du travail et les femmes’, Jeannine Chambon-Fontaine, Grande Maîtresse Adjointe Chargée des Relations Extérieures, Institut Maçonnique Européen (IME)

Response of the European Commission: Ruby Gropas, Team Leader, Social Affairs Team, EPSC.

*Questions and Answers*

**16:15 – 16:30 - Coffee break**

**16:30 – 17:15: Concluding session**

Summary of discussions by Eric Paradis and Vincent Depaigne

Concluding remarks by Giulio Ercolessi, President, EHF

Simultaneous translation foreseen: English, French, German and Dutch