



European Economic and Social Committee

Southern Neighbourhood Civil Society Forum

Brussels, 29 – 30 April, 2014

Tuesday 29th . April:

13.00 - 14.30 Arrivals and Registration - Coffee

14.30 - 15.30 Opening Plenary

MC: Claire Spencer, Chatham House

- Welcome by M. Henri Malosse, President EESC (tbc)
- Explanation of Seminar's Programme and Objectives

15.30 - 17.30 Panel debate with audience participation

'Youth Perspectives on the Arab Spring'

Moderator: Tania Mehanna, Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation

Panellists:

- Aya Seyam: Resala, Egypt
- Khadiija Ali: Libya Youth Forum
- Sadem Jebali: Young Arab Voices, Tunisia
- Alexia Kalaitzi: Media Diversity Institute, London
- Aya Haidar: Al Madad Foundation, UK/Syria

19.30 - 22.00 Dinner in 'The Ballroom', Renaissance Hotel

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Wednesday 30th. April:

09.00 - 09.30 Arrivals and Registration - Coffee

09.30 - 09.40 Introduction: Paul Gillespie, Irish Times

09.40 - 10.00 Keynote address

Stefan Fule, Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy

10.00 - 12.30 Panel debate with audience participation

'The Southern Neighbourhood: Regional Paradigms and Policies'

Moderator: Elizabeth Filippouli, Global Thinkers Forum

Panellists:

- Stefan Fule: Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy
- José Maria Zufiaur: President, External Relations Section, EESC (tbc)
- Ziad Abdel Samad: Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)
- Shahira Amin: Index on Censorship, Egypt
- Sami Hourani: Leaders of Tomorrow

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.30 Plenary

MC: Randa Habib, Agence France Presse Foundation, Jordan

'The Civil Society Consultation Process: Preparation of the Working Groups'

Stephen Calleya: Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies

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14.30 - 16.30 Working Groups

Working Group 1: Media and Communicators

Working Group 2: Academics, Think-Tanks and Educators

Working Group 3: Civil Society Organisations

Working Group 4: Youth Organisations

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee

17.00 - 17.30 Working Group Rapporteurs' Reports

17.30 - 18.00 Closing address by M. Hugues Mingarelli, MD EEAS