

BRAINSTORMING SESSION



"Regaining Citizens' Trust and Confidence in the EU"

*Extraordinary Meeting of the Diversity Europe Group:
Contribution to the EESC Roadmap 'From Cracow to Sibiu and Beyond'*

Meeting room VMA 3, 20 July 2018

PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:20 Introduction by Arno Metzler, President of the Diversity Europe Group

09:20 – 09:50 Which are recommended overarching /horizontal priorities?

- **Building a Sustainable Future of Peace, Democracy and Equalities** – **Dilyana Slavova**, President of the REX Section
- **Sustainable Development and the 2030 Agenda** – **Ioannis Vardakastanis**, Group III Vice-President and rapporteur for the Opinions *'The 2030 Agenda – a European Union Committed to Support Sustainable Development Goals Globally'* and *'Sustainable Development: a mapping of the EU's internal and external policies'*
- **Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law** – **Karolina Dreszer-Smalec**, Vice-President of the group on Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law
- *Discussion and input* from **all Group III members**

09:50 – 10:30 **How to regain citizen's trust and confidence: promoting an effective European social policy, combatting poverty, social exclusion and defending a just migration system?**

- **Séamus Boland**, Group III Vice-President
- **Krzysztof Balon**, Group III Vice-President and co-Spokesperson of the Social Economy Category
- **Alain Coheur**, co-Spokesperson of the Social Economy Category
- **Cristian Pîrvulescu**, Spokesperson of the 'Voluntary Sector' Category, former president of the Temporary Study Group on Immigration and Integration and EESC member of the European Forum on Migration
- *Discussion and input* from **all Group III members**

10:30 – 11:05

How to stimulate balanced economic growth and protect rights?

- **Ariane Rodert**, President of the INT Section – *'Promoting social innovation and new economic models'*
- **Arno Metzler**, President of the Diversity Europe Group and Member of the Liberal Professions Category
- **Baiba Miltoviča**, Group III Vice-President and Member of the Consumers and Environment Category
- **Gunta Anča**, rapporteur for the Opinion *'The Situation of Women with Disabilities'*
- *Discussion and input from all Group III members*

11:05 – 11:40

How to deliver a sustainable environment in partnership?

- **Lutz Ribbe**, former President of the Sustainable Development Observatory and Member of the Consumers and Environment Category
- **Mindaugas Maciulevičius**, Group III Vice-President
- **John Bryan**, Spokesperson of the Farmers' Category
- *Discussion and input from all Group III members*

11:40 – 12:15

How to effectively promote and communicate Europe, whilst allaying security and populist fears?

- **Alfred Gajdosik**, Group III Vice-President – *'Communicating Europe and communicating with Europe'*
- **Pavel Trantina**, Group III Vice-President – *'The role of CSOs in busting myths on the EU and in fighting disinformation'*
- **Indré Vareikytė**, rapporteur for the Information Report *'Using the media to influence the social and political process in the EU and the Neighbourhood countries'*
- *Discussion and input from all Group III members*

12:15 – 12:50

What else do Europeans want and how could the EU deliver?

- Open discussion with **all Group III members**

12:50 – 13:00

Concluding remarks and next steps by Arno Metzler, President of the Diversity Europe Group