



PROGRAMME

8.00 a.m. **Registration**

9.00 a.m. **Opening session:**

Chaired by **Luca JAHIER**, *President of Group III – EESC*

Interventions by:

Bronisław KOMOROWSKI, *President of the Republic of Poland*

László ANDOR, *Commissioner with responsibility for employment, social affairs and inclusion*

Jolanta FEDAK, *Minister for Labour and Social Policy*

Irena WÓYCICKA, *Undersecretary of State, Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland*

10.00 a.m. **Keynote speech:**

Putting Volunteer Work on the Economic Map of the World: Why and How?"

Lester SALAMON, *Director of the Centre for Civil Society Studies at The Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies, Professor at the John Hopkins University Baltimore, Maryland, United States of America*

10.30 a.m. **Coffee break**

11.00 a.m. **First thematic session: " State of volunteering in Europe: challenges and chances "**

Chaired and moderated by **Krzysztof PATER** , *Member of the Bureau of Group III, EESC*

Interventions by:

John M^{ac}DONALD, *Head of the Task Force for the European year on Volunteering at the European Commission*

"An overview of the progress of the European Year on Volunteering - 2011"

Lucas MEIJS, *Professor, Erasmus Centre for Strategic Philanthropy, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, Netherlands*

"Corporate volunteering: a needed third party?"

Ksenija FONOVIC, *Deputy Director, SPES, EC Project Manager "Think Future, Volunteer Together", Rome, Italy*

"Volunteering as a tool for active ageing"

Kinga PAWŁOWSKA, *Warsaw University, Institute of Sociology, Department of Philosophy and Sociology, Poland*

"Youth volunteering: "social construction of high quality kids""

Debate with Polish civil society organisations, along with representatives of organisations from the Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldavia and Ukraine) and EESC members

1.15 p.m. **Lunch offered by the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland**

2.15 p.m. **Second thematic session: "Effective cooperation for volunteering in Europe "**

Chaired and moderated by **Marzena MENDZA-DROZD**, *Member of the EESC Bureau*

Interventions by:

Nilda BULLAIN, *Executive Director, European Centre for Non-Profit Law, Hungary*

"Volunteering and the law: what's the use of regulation and how can it promote volunteering?"

Bernd GOEDDERTZ, *Managing Secretary, Jugend-Gemeinschafts-Dienste (UGD), Berlin, Germany*

"Long-term volunteering of young people with the assistance of the state"

Jakub WYGNAŃSKI, *Co-Chairman, Council for Public Benefit Work, Poland*

"How to support volunteering? Reflections on "division of labour" among different sectors and actors"

Alexander VINNIKOV, *Chairman of the Board, European Law Advancement Network, Ukraine*

"Volunteering in Eastern Partnership countries: more public trust required?"

Debate with Polish civil society organisations, along with representatives of organisations from the Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldavia and Ukraine) and EESC members

4.15 p.m. **Conclusions and closing remarks**

Staffan NILSSON, *President of the European Economic and Social Committee*

Radosław MLECZKO, *State Undersecretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy*

Mikayil ZEYNALOV, *Chairman, Bridge to the Future Youth Union, Azerbaijan*

Martijn PAKKER, *Executive Group Member, EYV 2011 Alliance*

Luca JAHIER, *President of Group III – EESC*

+/-4.45 p.m. **End of the meeting**

NOTE: Participants will be able to speak and listen in Polish, English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Russian