

To build a Europe of freedom, equity and solidarity



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Invitation **MONDAY 2 MARCH – COLLOQUIUM**

Website www.aepl.eu

Venue : European Parliament – Esplanade du Luxembourg – Brussels

Reception as from 0900 at the main entrance of the SPINELLI building. Please note that the security procedures of the EP take some time. Please be punctual.

« Europe, land of humanism -Fighting extremists "

Some markers allow a better perception of the main values of humanism, of which Europe has been the crucible

The recognition of the equal dignity of every human person, woman or man, induces a type of society which allows and promotes the fundamentally relational dimension of human freedom. This society must open up to the possibility of responsible transgressions because these are the essential ferment of personal autonomy and the progress of institutions.

The awareness of the fragility of any system gives rise to open structures capable of listening, of dialogue, of change. Hence the rejection of all "fundamentalism" and the ability to integrate something new.

We must also meet other expressions of humanism, such as they have developed outside Europe, whether in Africa, Latin America, the East, etc.

The memory of the intermingling of cultures and civilizations which made European identity, should stimulate the appeal and the joy of listening and welcoming the "different", while preserving our universalist aspirations.

Humanism implies pluralism and democracy. It poses as an ideal a society in which individuals could freely adhere to particular communities and retain the inalienable right not to adhere to any of them. Finally, from the point of view of fundamental world conceptions, humanist tolerance means obligation neither to believe in God nor to refuse him. It would be unacceptable to found Europe on a particular faith, religious or not, or on any ideology of exclusion whatsoever.

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Programme:

1000 - Welcoming of participants by Marc TARABELLA, MEP.

1010 - Opening of works by Claude WACHTELAER, President of the AEPL.

1020 - **Yves BERTONCINI**: President of the European movement.

"Humanising globalisation : an ambition for Europe ? »

1040 - **Sven BISCOP**: Director of the program "Europe in the world, Egmont Royal Institute for Foreign Affairs":

"Values and world politics: the European Union on the international scene"

1100 - **Mohamed SIFAOU**: journalist, writer and director:

"Europe facing the Islamist peril. Fantasy or reality?"

1120 - Debate.

1200 – Lunch and debate. Keynote speaker: **Matyas EORSI**, Parliamentary assistant:

"Human rights - ups and downs. Should we be patient or impatient?"

The meeting will benefit from simultaneous translation FR, EN, DE, NL. Mr. EORSI will speak in English (without translation).

Registration

Please fill in the attached registration form for both GA and colloquium and send it back no later than feb 15 to john.vandevijver@detang.eu

If you don't have an access badge to the Parliament, please provide the following information:

Last name

First name

Date of Birth

Nationality

Identity document (national identity card / passport)

Document number.

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Accommodation

Rooms are pre-reserved at the RADISSON RED HOTEL -rue d'Idalie, 1050 Brussels (this street overlooks the pl of Luxembourg).

Reduced rate : single 105 € - double 125 € (breakfast included)

Reservations can be made **before February 5:**

Email: meetings.brussels@radissonred.com mentioning the **code AEPL2020** or

by direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/AEPL2020>

Participants wishing to book a double room must click on "Occupancy", increase the number of adults to 2 and click on "Search".

The necessary adjustments will be made automatically.