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**Strengthening the Social Dimension in European and National policies**

**Exploring the Europe 2020 Strategy**

**Seminar, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, Brussels**

**Programme**

**Monday, 21 November 2011**

**Blvd. Charlemagne 28**

14.00h Coffee/tea break

15.00h Opening of the conference:

**Heather Roy**, General Secretary, Eurodiaconia, and

**Frank-Dieter Fischbach**, Executive Secretary, Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches

**The Europe 2020 strategy – towards smart, sustainable and inclusive growth**

15.30h **The Europe 2020 strategy** – information and discussion

**Heather Roy**, General Secretary, Eurodiaconia

16.15h Coffee/tea break

16.30h **The European 2020 strategy – facing the financial and economic crisis in Europe**

**Egbert Holthuis**, Head of unit, European Commission, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

17.30h Discussion

18.30h End of the Session

19.00h Common Dinner in town

Chez Leon restaurant

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Tuesday, 22 November 2011

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## **The European Semester**

09.00h Morning prayer

09.30h **The European Semester – the new model of economic and social governance**  
**Martin Jones**, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of the UK to the European Union

10.30h Discussion

11.30h Coffee/tea break

12.00h Continuation of Discussion and Exchange on the European Semester

12.30h **First experience of the European Semester**  
Report by **Katharina Wegner**, Diakonisches Werk der EKD, Brussels Office

13.00h lunch

## **The European Platform Against Poverty – EPAP**

14.30h **The fight against poverty: The European Platform Against Poverty**  
**Frederik Lamberty**, Project assistant, European Commission, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

15.30h Coffee/tea break

16.00h **Working groups** on the National Reform Programs (NRP) and the Country Specific Recommendations (CSR) - national mixed structure

17.30h Exchange of results in the plenary

18.00h End of the Session

18.30h Reception with **Jean Lambert**, MEP, Green Party

**Wednesday, 23 November 2011**

## **Planning action and cooperation**

09.00h Morning prayer

09.30h **Churches and Diaconal organisations – being an active, critical partner in the European Semester and Europe 2020 strategy**  
Developing a common strategy and program of cooperation

11.00h Coffee/tea break

11.30h Continuation of the debate  
Evaluation of the Conference

13.00h End of the seminar, lunch