

Progressive Economy public event:

ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - BRUSSELS

WEDNESDAY 4 AND THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2013

The first annual **Progressive Economy Parliamentary Conference** will provide a new opportunity for progressive members of national parliaments and of the European Parliament to jointly debate the policies, challenges and developments in the economic and social field across Europe, as well as with leading economic experts and other policymakers in an open conference format.

The forthcoming **independent Annual Growth Survey (iAGS)** report for 2014 will be presented for the first time publicly by its authors during the first half-day conference. The 2014 iAGS will provide analysis, forecasts and policy recommendations on macroeconomic perspectives, rising inequalities in labour markets, wage developments, and proposals in the field of euro zone governance. The second half-day, **a conference on the role of tax policy in fighting inequalities and in supporting sustainable growth and jobs** will be held with a debate among members of the European and national parliaments and leading experts in this field.

DAY 1: CONFERENCE ON GROWTH AND JOBS

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2013, 14.30-18.00

14.30-14.45	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY HANNES SWOBODA, PRESIDENT OF THE S&D GROUP
14.45-15.15	KEYNOTE CONTRIBUTION BY JEAN-PAUL FITOUSSI, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT LUISS UNIVERSITY, ROME, AND MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC BOARD OF PROGRESSIVE ECONOMY
15.15-15.45	PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 INDEPENDENT ANNUAL GROWTH SURVEY (iAGS) BY ITS CO-AUTHORS FROM THE OFCE, ECLM AND IMK ECONOMIC INSTITUTES
15.45-16.00	COFFEE BREAK
16.00-18.00	POLICY DEBATE - PROSPECTS AND POLICY STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH AND JOBS ACROSS EUROPE AND THE EUROZONE

- **Olli Rehn**, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs
- **Karine Berger**, Member of the French National Assembly
- **Elisa Ferreira**, MEP, S&D Group coordinator on economic affairs
- **Paolo Guerrieri**, Member of the Italian Senate
- **Valeriano Gomez**, Spokesperson, Economic and Monetary Committee, Spanish Parliament
- **Charles Wyplosz**, Professor of Economics at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Member of the Progressive Economy Scientific Board

The debate will be moderated by **Jacki Davis**
Managing Director of Meade Davis Communications

DAY 2: CONFERENCE ON TAX AND INEQUALITY

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2013, 9.00-12.30

9.00-10.30 **PUTTING A REAL END TO TAX EVASION AND TAX FRAUD! IS THE G20 AGENDA GOOD ENOUGH?**

An introductory contribution will be made by **Xavier Harel**, journalist and author of the TV documentary "*Evasion fiscale: Le hold-up du siècle*" followed by interventions from the panel:

- **Vieri Ceriani**, Adviser to the Italian Minister of Economy
- **Eurico Dias**, National Secretary for economic affairs of the Portuguese Socialist Party
- **Mojca Kleva**, MEP, EP Rapporteur on tax evasion and fraud
- **Richard Murphy**, Founder of Tax Justice Network and Director of Tax Research
- **Carsten Schneider**, Member of the German Parliament

An open debate will be moderated by **Jacki Davis**
Managing Director of Meade Davis Communications

10.30-12.00 **FIGHTING INEQUALITY IN SOCIETY THROUGH TAX POLICY - DEFINING A NEW PROGRESSIVE TAX STRATEGY**

An introductory contribution will be made by Professor **Thomas Piketty**, Paris School of Economics, followed by interventions from the panel:

- **Magdalena Andersson**, Swedish S-D economic affairs spokeswoman
- **Thomas Jensen**, Member of the Danish Parliament
- **Pierre-Alain Muet**, Member of the French National Assembly
- **Ahmed Laaouej**, Member of the Belgian Senate
- **Evelyn Regner**, Member of the European Parliament

An open debate will be moderated by **Jacki Davis**

12.00-12.30 **CLOSING SPEECH - PAUL MAGNETTE
SENATOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN SOCIALIST PARTY**

THIS PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IS TAKING PLACE ON BOTH DAYS IN THE PREMISES OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ROOM P3C050, PAUL HENRY SPAAK BUILDING.

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION IS PROVIDED IN 22 LANGUAGES

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