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Between the Representation of the Crisis and the Crisis of the Representation

Committee of the Regions, Brussels

VMA1 – Van Maerlant

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The socio-economic crisis and its impact on European societies and identities: how to shape social policies in today's Europe?

Rationale

The assumption of this seminar is that the crisis has strongly impacted European societies. Many people lost their jobs or part of their income as a result of salary cuts. Uncertainty about the future has risen. Citizens' trust and confidence toward democratic institutions and politics in general at all level of governance has fallen. Antagonisms between European nations and ethnic groups are reemerging, populist and xenophobic movements are exponentially growing while new "walls" are being built undermining the fundamental rights at the basis of the European project.

The objective of the seminar is to identify innovative responses to the crisis through policies able to strengthen the resilience of societies, renew the European integration and identity and at the same time strengthen the sense of solidarity and the public sphere.





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European Association for Local Democracy
Association européenne pour la démocratie locale

15.00 – 15.30 Registration of participants

Moderator: Antonella Valmorbida, Secretary General of ALDA

15.30 – 15.45 Welcome speeches
Member of the Committee of the Regions, tbc

Mr Oriano Otocan, President of ALDA – the European Association for Local Democracy

15.45 – 16.00 Mr Georgios Papanagnou, Policy Officer Employment and Inequalities,
European Commission

16.00 – 16.15 Mr Walter Veltroni, tbc

16.15 – 16.30 Representative of SOLIDAR, tbc

16.30 – 16.45 Prof. Sergio Salvatore, Scientific Coordinator RE.CRI.RE

16.45 – 17.00 Prof. Marco Cremaschi, Professor at Science Po Paris, Center of European Studies

17.00 – 17.15 Coffee break

17.15 – 17.45 Open debate

17.45 – 17.50 Final remarks



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