

Conference of the Chairpersons of Social Affairs Committees
“Filoxenia” Conference Centre, Nicosia
16-17 December 2012

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 16 December 2012

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| | Arrival of participants. |
| 15.00-18.00 | Registration in hotels. |
| 19.30 | Departure from hotels by bus for the “Famagusta Gate”. |
| 20.00 | Cultural event followed by the official dinner hosted by the Chairman of House Standing Committee on Labour and Social Insurance, Mr. Andreas Fakontis, MP, at the Famagusta Gate. |
| 22.30 | Return to the hotels by bus. |

Monday, 17 December 2012

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| 08.30 | Departure from hotels by bus to “Filoxenia” Conference Centre. |
| 8.30-9.00 | Registration of participants at the “Filoxenia” Conference Centre. |
| | <i>Inaugural Session: EU Priorities and the Priorities of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU regarding Social Affairs.</i> |
| 9.00 | Opening address by the Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Labour and Social Insurance, Mr. Andreas Fakontis. |
| 9.10 | Address by the Minister of Labour and Social Insurance, Mrs. Soteroulla Charalambous. |
| 9.25 | Debate. |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Coffee break. |

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| 11.00 | <i>Session I: Development Vs Austerity: Safeguarding and promoting social cohesion.</i> |
| | Address by the Chairperson of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, Mrs. Pervenche Berès. |
| 11.20 | Debate. |
| 12.40 | End of morning session. |
| 12.50 | Family photo. |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | Lunch at “Yiasemi” restaurant (“Filoxenia” Conference Centre). |
| 15.00 | <i>Session II: Promoting greater social inclusion: Youth employment, active ageing and solidarity between generations.</i> |
| | Address by the Director General of the Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL) Directorate, European Commission, Mr. Koos Richelle. |
| 15.20 | Debate. |
| 17.00 | Conclusion of the Conference. |
| | Return to the hotels by bus. |
| 19.30 | Departure from the hotels by bus for the informal dinner. |
| 20.00 | Informal dinner at..... |
| 22.00 (approx..) | Return to the hotels by bus. |