

## DIALOGUE SEMINAR

Organised by the Bureau of European Policy Advisors (BEPA), European Commission jointly with the Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches (CEC) & The Commission of the Episcopates of the European Community (COMECE)

### *EU citizenship – challenges and benefits*

20 June 2013

Room S3, Berlaymont, rue de la Loi 200, 1049 Brussels

### PROGRAMME

8.40 – 09.00 Arrival of participants

9.00 – 09.30 Opening and welcome:

Ms **Katharina von Schnurbein**, Adviser for the Dialogue with Churches, Religions and Philosophical and Non-confessional Organisations, BEPA, European Commission

Rev **Frank-Dieter Fischbach**, Executive Secretary of the Church & Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)

Rev **Patrick H. Daly**, Secretary General of the Commission of the Episcopates of the European Community (COMECE)

9.30 – 11.00 1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION UNDERSTANDING CITIZENSHIP. DEFINING THE CONCEPT, IDENTIFYING CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS

Moderator: Ms **Katharina von Schnurbein**, Adviser for the Dialogue with Churches, Religions and Philosophical and Non-confessional Organisations, BEPA, European Commission

Panel:

Ms **Chiara Adamo**, Head of Unit at the Union citizenship and freedom of movement, DG Justice, European Commission

H.E. Mgr **William Kenney**, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham (England & Wales) and Bishop Delegate for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales at COMECE

H.E. **Jeremiasz**, Archbishop of Wrocław and Szczecin and President of the Polish Ecumenical Council

9.45 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION WHAT TOOLS AND ACTIONS ARE NEEDED TO FOSTER ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND PARTICIPATION? THE CHURCHES' CONTRIBUTION

Summary of the 1<sup>st</sup> session and Moderator of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session:  
Rev **Patrick H. Daly**, Secretary General of COMECE

Reactions by the Churches and debate among the experts with the participation of:

Ms **Sophie Beernaerts**, Head of Unit at the Citizens Programme, DG Communication, European Commission

11.45 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Buffet

14.30 – 16.00 3<sup>rd</sup> SESSION UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON EU CITIZENSHIP – RIGHTS, DUTIES AND CITIZENS' AWARENESS

Moderator: Ms **Hanna Broadbridge**, Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Denmark

**Contributions by:**

Ms **Margrete Auken**, MEP Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, European Parliament

Dr **Peter Schreiner**, President of the InterEuropean Commission on Church and School (ICCS)

Ms **Louise Miles**, Senior Lecturer in EU Law at University of Wolverhampton

Ms **Chiara Adamo**, Head of Unit at the Union citizenship and freedom of movement, DG Justice, European Commission

14.45 – 16.00 Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Conclusion

Dr **Peter Schreiner**, President of ICCS

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