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## **Seminar on How to use the opportunities of the Digital Union in order to fight social and regional inequalities?**

28th January 2016 from 09:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building - room A3G3  
Interpretation during plenaries: EN, FR, DE, ES, IT

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### **Final Agenda**

- 09:30 - 09:45 Welcome by **Gianni PITTELLA**, S&D Group President
- 09:45 - 10:20 Address of **Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS**, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety  
Q&A session
- 10:20 - 11:00 Opening plenary chaired by **Josef WEIDENHOLZER**, S&D Vice-President  
Discussion with Professor **Mark GRAHAM** Senior Research Fellow and Associate Professor Oxford  
Internet Institute - Q&A session
- 11:00 - 11:20 Speeches by **Marju LAURISTIN**, S&D Vice-President and **Josef WEIDENHOLZER**, S&D Vice-President, Chair of S&D Digital Europe Working Group
- 11:30 - 13:00 Four parallel workshops: in **English** only

#### **Workshop I - room A3G3**

How to overcome inequalities in Digital Europe with respect to employment, business models, taxation and social security systems?

- **Jutta STEINRUCK** - MEP EMPL - Moderator
- **Evelyne GEBHARDT** - Rapporteur of report on "Towards a Digital Single Market Act"
- **Peter SCHERRER** - Deputy General Secretary, ETUC
- **Cristiano RADAELLI** - President of Anitec, the Italian Association of Informatics, Telecommunications and Consumer Electronics, Italy
- **Paul-André BARAN** - Digital Champion of Romania

### **Workshop II - room A3G2**

What are the educational challenges of Digital Single Market? What kind of digital skills, organization of life-long education, media and cultural policies are need to overcome inequalities and prevent discrimination?

- **Julie WARD** - MEP CULT - Moderator
- **Christel VACELET** - Senior Communication Manager, European Schoolnet Academy
- **Denis CROWLEY** - Head of Unit Innovation in education, EIT and MSCA, DG EAC
- **Alexa JOYCE** - Director of Policy, Teaching and Learning, Microsoft

### **Workshop III - room A5G315**

What kind of inclusive and accessible digital services does Europe need so that inequalities are reduced?

- **Eva KAILI** - MEP ITRE - Moderator
- **Carlos ZORRINHO** - MEP ITRE - Rapporteur of report on interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA2)
- **Anne-Sophie PARENT** - Secretary General of Age Platform Europe
- **Steve TYLER** - Head of Solutions, Strategy and Planning at RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People), UK
- **Alejandro MOLEDO** - New Technologies and Innovation Officer at EDF (European Disability Forum)
- **Tapani PIHA** - Head of Unit, e-Health and Health Technology assessment, DG SANCO

### **Workshop IV - room A5G305**

E-democracy, e-elections, e-governance, e-participation: what are the opportunities and challenges at local, national and EU level? Which are the main opportunities and problems to be solved concerning inequality of access, protection of privacy, ensuring transparency etc.?

- **Brando BENIFEI** - MEP EMPL- Moderator
- **Toni COWAN-BROWN** Vice-President of European Business Development at NationBuilder, UK
- **Carsten SCHMIDT** - Project Director, Ministry of Justice of NRW, Germany
- **Kristina REINSALU** - Head of e-Democracy Domain, Estonia's E-Governance Academy
- **Serge NOVARETTI** - Policy Officer, Public Services, DG CNECT
- **Benedetta BRIGHENTI** - CoR rapporteur on the sharing economy and vice Mayor of Castelnuovo Rangone

- 13:00 - 13:30 Sandwich lunch
- 13:30 - 14:45 Presentations by S&D National Delegations of best practises in digital fields - followed by discussion chaired by **Miapetra KUMPULA-NATRI**, MEP
- 14.45 - 16:00 Closing plenary chaired by **Marju LAURISTIN**, S&D Vice-President  
Reporting back from the workshops and discussion with **Jörgen GREN**, Member of Commission Vice-President Andrus ANSIP Cabinet for the Digital Single Market