



S&D Hearing “on refugee sponsorship”
Wednesday, 6 December 2017- from 16:00 until 18:00
Room ASP A3G2

- 16:00 – 16:10** **Introductory Remarks by Birgit Sippel, MEP, S&D LIBE Coordinator**
- 16:10 – 17:00** **PANEL I: How sponsorship can strengthen refugee relocation and resettlement in the EU, moderated by Elly Schlein**
- Discussants:** **Elly Schlein, MEP, S&D Shadow for the revision of the Dublin regulation**
Tanja Fajon, S&D Group Vice-President
Mary Coulter, Immigration and Asylum Policies Counsellor, Mission of Canada to the EU
Donatella Candura, Vice Prefect in the International Relations Unit of the Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration of the Italian Ministry of Interior
Followed by the discussion with audience
- 17:00 – 17:50** **PANEL II: Advantages for the social and economic integration of the beneficiaries of sponsorship, moderated by Josef Weidenholzer**
- Discussants:** **Josef Weidenholzer, S&D Group Vice-President**
Péter Niedermüller, MEP
Paolo Naso, Coordinator of the Mediterranean Hope project promoted by FCEI
Cesare Giacono Zucconi, Secretary General of the Community of Sant'Egidio
Followed by the discussion with audience
- 17:50 – 18:00** **Concluding Remarks by Josef Weidenholzer, S&D Group Vice-President**
- 18:00 - 19:00** **Cocktail hosted by the S&D Group**

Interpretation will be provided in FR, DE, IT, EN, ES