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PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY & S&D GROUP EVENT

Sustainable Equality – Shifting to Action 2019-2024

PES Congress, Lisbon, 7 December 2018, 11.00-12.45
ISCTE Instituto Universitario de Lisboa, Room B203
Avenida Professor Anibal Bettencourt
Building 2 Northern entrance

11.00-11.05

Welcome

Carlos Zorrinho, MEP, Head of the Portuguese Socialist Delegation

11.05-11.20

Progressive Society: A new vision for European social democracy

Udo Bullmann, President of the S&D Group, European Parliament

11.20-11.45

Sustainable equality: achieving well-being for everyone in a sustainable Europe

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Co-chair of the Independent Commission for Sustainable Equality

Former President of the Party of European Socialists, former Prime Minister of Denmark

Louka Katseli, Co-chair of the Independent Commission for Sustainable Equality

Professor of Economics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Former Minister of Labour and Social Security, and of the Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, and former Member of the Greek Parliament

11.45-12.45

Panel debate with members of the Independent Commission for Sustainable Equality and with the audience

Eric Andrieu, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group Vice-President

Kate Pickett, Professor of Epidemiology, University of York, Co-founder of the Equality Trust, Co-Author of "The Inner Level"

Nicolas Schmit, former Minister for Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg; PES Coordinator of the Ministerial Network of Employment and Social Affairs Ministers

Andrea Westall, Moderator

Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Open University, UK

Trustee, Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development

BACKGROUND

The Independent Commission for Sustainable Equality has released a policy report which issues a forceful call to action for a radically different Europe, detailed across over 100 policy proposals to be pursued by progressive forces during the next term from 2019 to 2024, and embedded in a radically different approach to European governance built on a new Sustainable Development Pact. The Independent Commission calls on socialist and social democratic parties, and on progressive forces at large, to engage in favour of this radical agenda, as a matter of urgency.