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**DRAFT PROGRAMME - ALL ACTIVITIES**  
**S&D GROUP BUREAU MEETS YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE EU AND**  
**ABROAD - SCHOOL OF DEMOCRACY**  
**REGGIO EMILIA - 23/24 APRIL 2015**

Venue: University of Reggio Emilia, Emilia Romagna, Italy.

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**Wednesday 22 April 2015**

15:00 - 18:00: arrival of participants.

Meeting point: S&D stand in the Mercure Astoria hotel Via Leopoldo Nobili 2, 42121 Reggio Emilia

19:00 - 20:00

Welcome reception offered by the Municipality of Reggio Emilia and opening address by Luca Vecchi, Mayor (*Partito Democratico*), in the presence of regional, departmental and academic authorities.

Venue: Town Hall, Sala del Tricolore, Piazza Grande, 42121 Reggio Emilia.

**Thursday, 23 April 2015**

09.30 - 12:30

Welcoming speech by Stefano Bonaccini, President of the Region Emilia Romagna (*Partito Democratico*)

**Plenary session 1 "A European democracy stronger than the market"**

*The new challenges of globalisation, an economy at the service of citizens and sustainable growth, not for speculators and short term profit.*

Discussants:

Christophe Nijdan, Secretary General of Finance Watch (confirmed)

Jean-Paul Fitoussi, Observatoire Européen des Conjonctures Economiques (confirmed).

Gianfranco Pasquino, John Hopkins University (confirmed)

Venue: Aula Magna, University of Reggio Emilia

12:30 - 14.30 Lunch

University of Reggio Emilia restaurant.

**14.30 - 16.30 Workshops**

Workshop 1

"Re-thinking globalisation. TTIP and bi/multinational trade negotiations"

With

Christopher Bickerton, Lecturer in politics, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge (confirmed)

Patrick Itchert, Deputy Secretary General, European Trade Union Confederation (confirmed).

Workshop 2

"Migration, multiculturalism and social rights"

With

Javier Moreno Sanchez, Secretary General of the S&D Group

Carlo Feltrinelli (CEO Feltrinelli) (confirmed)

Conny Reuter, SOLIDAR (confirmed)

Sandipto Dasgupta, Harvard University (confirmed)

Workshop 3

Political parties and the emergence of new political actors and movements. Global justice movement, indignados ..."

With

Carlo Invernizzi Accetti, researcher, Centre de Théorie Politique, Université Libre de Bruxelles (confirmed).

Massimiliano Tarantino, General Director, Fondazione Feltrinelli (confirmed)

Phil Kamper, political adviser, Party of European Socialists (confirmed)

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

**17.00 - 18.00 Closing session day one**

Reports from workshops and closing remarks

Venue: Aula Magna, University of Reggio Emilia

**18.30 transfer to the Cervi Institute**

**19.00 - 22.00 Visit of the Cervi Institute and dinner**

Via Fratelli Cervi 9, 42043 Gattatico

**Friday 24 April 2015**

**10.00 - 12.00 Workshops**

Workshop 1

Our democratic values are not to be taken for granted: the rise of populism and extremism.

With

Pascal Delwit, Professor of Political Sciences, Université Libre de Bruxelles (tbc)

Catherine Fieschi, Director, Counterpoint (confirmed)

Workshop 2

The Mediterranean crossroad: the search for a third way between islamism and authoritarianism.

With

Hassan Bousetta, Lecturer, University of Liège (confirmed).

Malika Hamidi, Doctor in Sociology, Director of the European Muslim Network (confirmed).

Workshop 3

Democracy in Europe: towards new ways of participation, from local to European.

With

Massimo Luciani, Architect (tbc)

Expert from the Langer foundation (confirmed).

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Venue: University of Reggio Emilia restaurant.

**14:00 - 17:00**

**Plenary session 2 "Europe as a democratic laboratory"**

*Building the future, learning from the past*

Conclusions from the workshops and plenary debate.

Discussants:

Nadia Urbinati, Department of Political Sciences, Columbia University (confirmed).

Richard Bellamy, European University Institute (tbc).

Annamaria Artner, senior research fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (confirmed)

Marie-Pierre Ninanne, professor (confirmed).

Venue: Aula Magna, University of Reggio Emilia

17:00 - 17:30: coffee break

### **17.30 - 18.30 Closing session day two**

Closing remarks from Gianni Pittella, S&D Group President, and video address by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament.

Venue: Aula Magna, University of Reggio Emilia.

**Evening free.**

### **Saturday 25 May**

Participants are warmly invited to attend the *Festa della liberazione* (liberation day) at the Cervi Institute. Transport will be provided.

### **Departure of participants**