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## **Building resilience**

### **Alternative responses to the ecological, economic and social crises**

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There is no doubt that our society faces multiple crises; economic, ecological as well as social. However, the mainstream 'solutions' put forward consist of maintaining a vicious circle of borrowing to keep up high levels of consumption and growth, while implementing devastating and counterproductive cuts to public services. A society where an ever increasing part of the economy is based on loans will inevitably lead to, and increase, social imbalances and reinforce ecological damage and climate change, while blind fiscal austerity is preventing us from putting in place a much-needed ecological transition.

This conference will look at alternative responses to the crises such as the collective reduction of working time, the use of community currencies and the implementation of basic income. Experts in these fields will present and discuss these alternative policies and explain how they can contribute to a more sustainable and resilient future for all.

#### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

##### **9.30-9.45, Opening and introduction**

Carl Schlyter, MEP

##### **9.45-10.15, Session 1 - Basic income**

Chaired by Carl Schlyter, MEP

- **Dr Louise Haagh**, Senior Lecturer at the university of York, Editor of the academic journal Basic Income Studies and member of the executive committee of the Basic Income Earth Network (tbc)

##### **10.15-10.45, Session 2 - Working time reduction**

Chaired by Karima Delli, MEP

- **Jean-Marie Perbost**, lecturer and author of the Greens' report Work more? Work less? What should be done so that we can all work and perform better?

### **10.45-11.15, Session 3 - Community currencies**

Chaired by Keith Taylor, MEP

- **Tony Greenham**, Head of Finance and Business, New Economic Foundation

### **11.15-12.00 Q&A with the three speakers**

Chaired by Keith Taylor, MEP

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