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Beyond austerity

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The EU is currently battling with the most severe crisis in its recent history. The social consequences for European citizens are dramatic. The European Union has put in place a series of initiatives to try to curb public deficits, commonly referred to as austerity measures. The solutions currently proposed - a policy mix of spending cuts, raising taxes and structural reforms - are exacerbating the crisis. What will the social consequences be if Europe continues down this path? On the eve of the June European Summit, the Greens/EFA Group will propose an alternative to austerity - a proposal on how to create prosperity and jobs without hitting on people most at risk. Join us for a lively discussion with European Commissioners Olli Rehn (Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Euro), László Andor (Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion) and several other high-level speakers. **DRAFT PROGRAMME** 09.00 - 09.30: Registration **09.30 - 09.45: Opening and Introduction Elisabeth Schroedter MEP ----- Part I - Social impact of the crisis: Analysis, expertise and outlook**

Chair: **Jean Lambert MEP** 09.45 - 10.45: Overall Context - Guillaume Duval (Editor Alternatives économiques) - Links between economic and social impacts - Pascale Vielle (UCL) - Social law and Crisis 10.40 - 11.40: What does it mean on the ground? - Edward Hugh (Economist) - The case of a crisis country - Isabelle Schömann (ETUI) - Analysis of labour law developments based on the MoU 11.40 - 13.00: Discussion ----- 13.00 - 15.00: Lunch ----- Part II - Alternatives Recommendations: an approach beyond austerity

Chair: **Philippe Lamberts MEP** 15.00 - 15.20: Economic aspects of the European Semester and their social impact - Commissioner Olli Rehn 15.20 - 15.40: The Commission's view on social elements in NRPs and Green jobs - Commissioner László Andor 15.40 - 16.10: Our Alternatives to austerity - Marije Cornelissen MEP, National MPs and civil society 16.10 - 17.10: Discussion 17.10 - 17.30: Exchange of views with the Danish Presidency 17.30 - 18.00: Discussion ----- 18.00 - 18.15: Conclusions Emilie Turunen MEP

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