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Welcome

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to Reggio Emilia for the second annual School of Democracy organised by the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament.

It is a great pleasure to bring so many young, talented and politically engaged Europeans together in one place. The 100 of you have been selected from over a thousand applicants, and come from across the continent of Europe and beyond. I am also pleased to welcome a host of distinguished speakers from politics, academia, trade unions, industry and journalism, many of whom have also travelled significant distances to join us here this week.

We meet at difficult times both for Europe and for our progressive family. With crises on our borders and the spectre of the far right growing again across our continent, the need for us to stand up for our beliefs and values has never been stronger. That is why we are here this week, to come together and look at new ways to tackle the many challenges that we face.

It is pertinent that we are holding this meeting in Reggio Emilia. As some of you may be aware, Reggio Emilia is famous as the birthplace of a new approach to education.

The "Reggio Emilia" approach sought to break away from the traditional and failed methods of the past. That is what we seek to achieve this week - to find new ideas and new approaches to the challenges that we face in our democracies.

From finding new models of sustainable development, to ensuring that the digital revolution benefits our democracy, you will have the opportunity to debate with leading experts from across Europe and beyond.

As well as the debates and discussions, I hope that you will have the opportunity to sample the culture and history for which Reggio Emilia is renowned.

I look forward to meeting and debating with you over the coming days.



GIANNI PITTELLA,
S&D GROUP PRESIDENT

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Mobile Phones

Please be so kind as to switch your mobile phone to silent during each plenary or workshop session. Thank you for your cooperation.



Filming & photography

There will be photography and filming during this event.



Web-streaming

This event will be web-streamed in order to allow as many people as possible to participate.



Interpretation

We have foreseen interpretation in the following languages: English, French, German, Italian and Spanish during all the plenary sessions and in Workshops 1 & 3 on both days.



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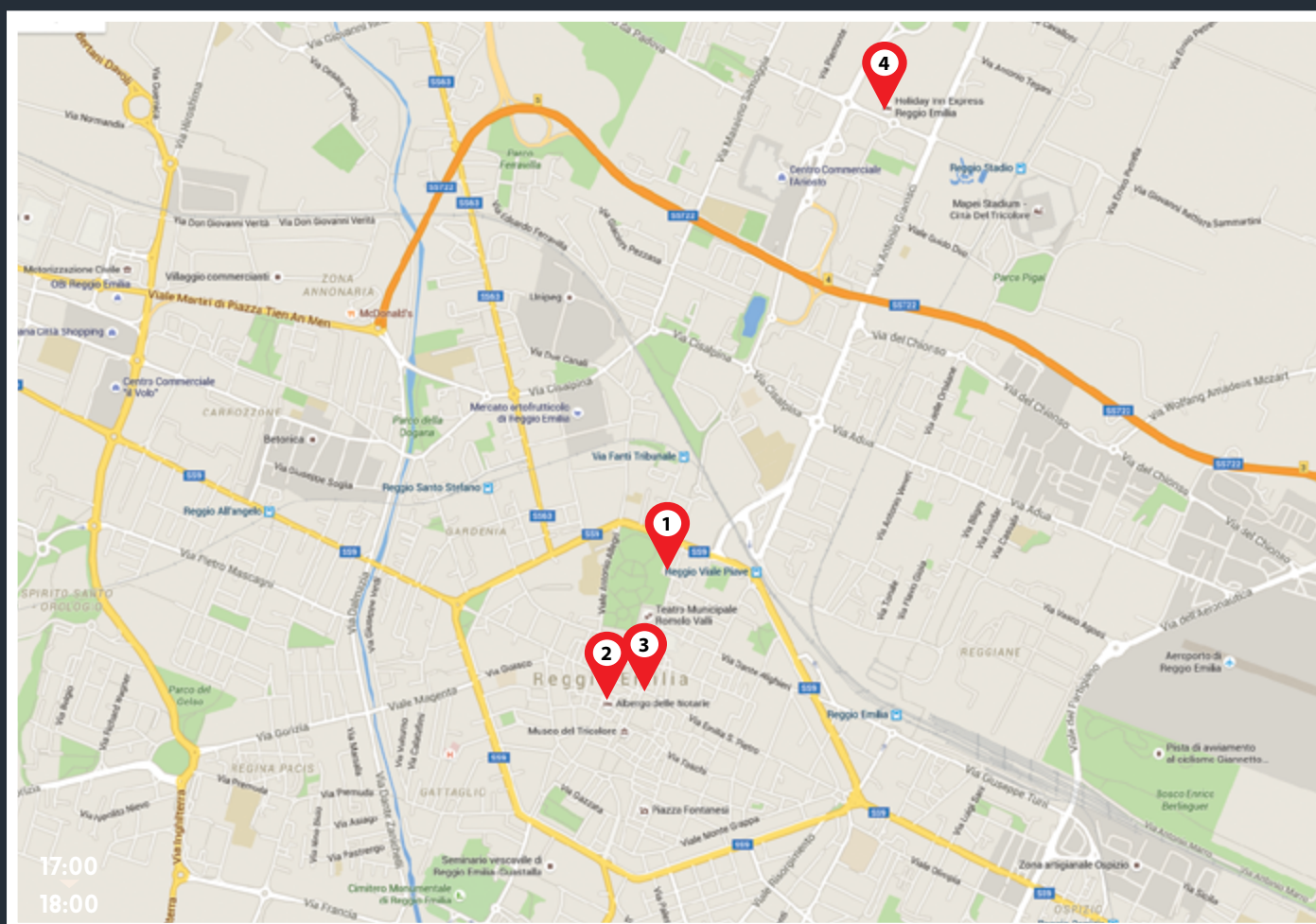
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FINDING YOUR WAY

AROUND REGGIO EMILIA



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ABOUT THIS EVENT

From 20 to 22 April 2016, the Group of Socialist and Democrats in the European Parliament is organising the second edition of its "School of Democracy." 100 young people from countries both inside and outside the European Union, along with experts and representatives of the political, economic and academic worlds, will be able to meet and discuss some of the crucial topics related to democracy, social justice and sustainable development and progress.

Our School of Democracy will again take place in Reggio Emilia, in Emilia Romagna Region, in close cooperation with the Alcide Cervi Institute, linked to the story of the Resistance in Italy.

More than seventy years ago, most of Europe was liberated from Nazi oppression. A period of hope and reconstruction of democracy began in Western Europe; the idea of cooperation between people across Europe would prepare the way for decades of prosperity and peace. This spread across Europe throughout the 1970s, 80s and 90s, as authoritarian regimes fell and democracy returned to Europe's South and East.

But this model now finds itself under serious threat. The financial, economic and social crisis, increasing inequalities, massive tax evasion, wars at our doors, displaced populations, climate change, and unregulated globalisation are undermining our project. If long term solutions are not urgently found, extremism, populism and xenophobia will gain ground.

So far, the European Union has not succeeded in giving adequate answers. We cannot wait any longer. Progressive forces in Europe need to act, to find the courage and responsibility to rethink and to find a new direction for our democracy. We can come out of this crisis stronger, and bring Europe with us.

Last year the School of Democracy focused on issues that included rethinking globalisation, migration and social rights, the emergence of new grassroots movements, the rise of populism, the Mediterranean dialogue, and culture and freedom of expression.

This year it will address:

"Can the European Left reconcile the European democratic project with workers and citizens?"

How can we overcome the crisis of confidence of our citizens towards the current political system and its institutions, both at national and European level?

Which renewed role should be given to intermediate bodies such as Trade Unions and civil society organisations? How to re-connect participative and representative democracy?

How can we use the digital revolution in order to put social media and e-democracy at the service of a progressive agenda, building around it new forms of genuine participation and citizenship?

"For a new, progressive model of development"

How can progressive forces win the battle for a new approach for our common future, based on an equitable and sustainable well-being? How to measure it, how to become resilient in order to manage change in our direction?

How to reform our industrial model to make it more sustainable, more energy efficient? Can we find a new model of producing and processing in recycling our waste? Can the "circular economy" become a basis for sustainable development?

What role can urban areas play in addressing the challenge of a globalised world? In which ways can urban space, public services, and a real network of progressive cities contribute to our common goals?

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2016

15:00

17:30

Arrival & registration of participants



Meeting point: S&D stand in Hotel Holiday Inn Express, via Meuccio Ruini 7, 42121 Reggio Emilia

18:00

Transfer by bus from Hotel Holiday Inn Express to University of Reggio Emilia

18:30

Welcome of participants at University of Reggio Emilia

19:00

20:00

Welcome speeches by:

- **Luca Vecchi** (Partito Democratico), Mayor of Reggio Emilia

- **Gianni Pittella**, President of the S&D Group

- **Lectio magistralis** by **Professor Nadia Urbinati**

20:00

22:00

Reception hosted by the S&D Group in Aula Magna, University of Reggio Emilia

THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2016

08:15

Transfer by bus to University of Reggio Emilia

09:00

09:30

Opening remarks by Javier Moreno Sánchez, Secretary-General of the S&D Group, Presentation of School of Democracy by one of the participants

of the 2015 School of Democracy and description of the Cervi Institute by Albertina Soliani, President of the Cervi Institute

THEME OF THE DAY

"CAN THE EUROPEAN LEFT RECONCILE THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC PROJECT WITH WORKERS AND CITIZENS?"

09:30

12:30

Workshops

WORKSHOP 1

"RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY AND THE CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE: HOW TO RECONCILE IT WITH CITIZENS"

Laszlo Andor - Hertie School of Governance

Ania Skrzypek - FEPS

Moderator: **Maria João Rodrigues** (MEP)

PANELLISTS

WORKSHOP 2

"THE ROLE OF SOCIAL DIALOGUE AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN DEMOCRACY"

Luca Visentini - ETUC

Conny Reuter - Solidar

Moderator: **Victor Negrescu** (MEP)

PANELLISTS

WORKSHOP 3

"PUTTING SOCIAL MEDIA AND E-DEMOCRACY AT THE SERVICE OF A PROGRESSIVE AGENDA"

Carlo Invernizzi Accetti - City College of New York

James Fontanella Khan - Financial Times, New York

Moderator: **Guillaume Balas** (MEP)

PANELLISTS

12:30
15:00

Lunch in University of Reggio Emilia

15:00
17:00

PLENARY SESSION

Reports from workshops

General discussion and synthesis of the workshops' work

Moderator: **Javier Moreno Sánchez**

Jan Zielonka - University of Oxford

Closing remarks by **Maria João Rodrigues** MEP, Vice President of the S&D Group

 Venue: Aula Magna, University of Reggio Emilia

DISCUSSANT

17:00

Transfer by bus to the Cervi Institute

17:30
20:30

Visit to the Cervi Institute

20:30

22:00

Dinner hosted by the S&D Group with live music

22:00

Transfer by bus to Hotel(s)

FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2016

08:30

Transfer by bus to University of Reggio Emilia

THEME OF THE DAY

"FOR A NEW, PROGRESSIVE MODEL OF DEVELOPMENT"

09:30

12:30

Workshops

WORKSHOP 1

"AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO OUR FUTURE: FROM GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT TO EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE WELL-BEING"

Professor Enrico Giovannini - University of Rome

Marco Boschini - Associazione Comuni Virtuosi

Moderator: **Brando Benifei** (MEP)

WORKSHOP 2

"THE 'CIRCULAR ECONOMY' AS A BASIS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

Professor Walter Stahel - Product-Life Institute

Saïd El Khadraoui - European Commission

Moderator: **Kathleen Van Brempt** (MEP)

WORKSHOP 3

"SUSTAINABILITY, CITIES AND THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD"

Anna Lisa Boni - Expert in City Policies

Gérard Penot - Atelier Ruelle

Philippe Malinge - Department of International Relations of Nantes

Moderator: **István Ujhelyi** (MEP)

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12:30
15:00 Lunch in University of Reggio Emilia

15:00
17:00 **PLENARY SESSION**

Reports from workshops

General discussion and summing up

Adoption of "Declaration of School of Democracy 2016" Coordinator: Victor Negrescu (MEP)

Moderator: **Anna Colombo**

Paul Magnette, Minister-President Walloon Region, Belgium

Closing remarks by **Kathleen Van Brempt**, MEP, Vice President of the S&D Group

 Venue: Aula Magna, University of Reggio Emilia

DISCUSSANT

17:00
18:00 Closing session remarks & conclusions by:
• **Stefano Bonaccini**, President of the Region Emilia-Romagna,
• **Gianni Pittella**, President of the S&D Group,

• **Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament and
• **Maria Elena Boschi**, Minister of Constitutional Reforms, Italy

18:00
19:00 Awarding of diplomas by **Gianni Pittella**, S&D Group President

 Venue: Aula Magna, University of Reggio Emilia

19:30 Transfer by bus to Bologna

Evening: Meeting with political activists in Bologna (details tbc)

SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2015

All day: Individual departures

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2016



Luca Vecchi is the Mayor of Reggio Emilia, a position he was elected to in June 2014. From 2007-2014 he was leader of the Partito Democratico in the Reggio Emilia City Council. He was born and raised in Reggio Emilia, gaining a degree in Economics and Commerce from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Gianni Pittella is the President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D Group) in the European Parliament. After graduating in medicine and surgery from the University of Naples, he worked in local and national government before becoming a Member of the European Parliament in 1999. In 2006 he became President of the Italian delegation to the Socialist Group in the European Parliament, a position he was re-elected to in 2009. He was elected leader of the S&D Group by an overwhelming majority in July 2014.



Nadia Urbinati is a political theorist who specialises in modern and contemporary political thought and democratic and anti-democratic traditions. Professor Urbinati is the author of Representative Democracy: Principles and Genealogy, and of Mill on Democracy: From the Athenian Polis to Representative Government. She is currently working as a professor at Columbia University and has previously served as visiting professor at New York University, the University of Pennsylvania, and as a lecturer at Princeton University.

THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2016



Javier Moreno Sánchez, former Member of the European Parliament, is currently the Secretary General of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, a position that he has held since November 2014. Previously he was Secretary General of the Spanish Socialist delegation in the European Parliament (2004-2009), he has been a member of PSOE since 1992, and he has been leader (2004-2012) of the European Federation of PSOE (PSOE Europa).

WORKSHOP 1

László Andor served as EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion from 2010-2014. Between 2005 and 2010, he was a member of the board of directors at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (representing Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and Croatia). Previous to this, he was adviser for the Prime Minister's Office in Hungary (2003-2005). Andor holds a degree in Economic Sciences from Karl Marx (now Corvinus) University as well as an MA in Development Economics from the University of Manchester. Andor was awarded Doctor Honoris Causa at Sofia University of National and World Economy in May 2014 and the Legion of Honour by the French President in August of that year.



Ania Skrzypek is Senior Research Fellow at the Foundations for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) in Brussels. Born in Warsaw in 1979, she holds a PHD in Political Sciences from the University of Warsaw. Before joining FEPS in 2009, she worked as a young researcher at the Faculty of Journalism and Political Sciences at the University of Warsaw (2003-2009) and was also Secretary General of the Young European Socialists (2005-2009). Among her responsibilities at FEPS, she is in charge of programmes on the Next Left Research, the Next Social Europe, the New Global Construct Convention, "Ones to Watch" in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Future of Transnational Partisanship in Europe.

WORKSHOP 2



Victor Negrescu MEP is coordinator of the S&D40 network, gathering 43 S&D MEPs who were younger than 40 when they entered the European Parliament. He is the youngest ever Romanian to get elected to the Parliament and is very active on issues related to the digital agenda, youth and economic and social affairs. He is a Member of the Parliament's Budget Committee, and in 2015 won an MEP Award for his work on the Digital Agenda. He is active in Romanian politics, organising large events with left wing activists and recently becoming the youngest vice-president of his party, PSD Romania.

Luca Visentini has 26 years of trade union experience at a regional, national and European level. With many years' experience in collective bargaining, at confederal, national and sectoral level, Luca directly contributed to UIL's work as General Secretary in one of the 20 Italian regions and as a member of the UIL steering committee. He has been involved in ETUC work since 1997. From 2011 – 2015, he was a Confederal Secretary of ETUC and in October 2015, he was elected as the General Secretary.



Conny Reuter has been Secretary General of SOLIDAR since October 2006. He is also Co-Chair of the Liaison Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Co-founder and Board Member of Social Service Europe (SSE) since 2012 and Member of the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Workers Education Associations (IFWEA) since 2008. From 2008 to 2013 he was President of the Social Platform, a network of European Social NGOs. Before moving to Brussels he worked in Paris and Berlin, and has extensive experience in NGO networking, as well as managing EU and international projects and events.

WORKSHOP 3



Guillaume Balas MEP is a Member of the French Socialist Party and the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament, having been elected for the Ile-de-France (region of Paris) in 2014. Previously he was Professor of History and Geography in a Parisian suburb for 17 years and was President of the Socialist's Group at the Regional Council of Ile-de-France until 2014. In the European Parliament he is a member of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee and the Environment Committee.

Carlo Invernizzi Accetti is Assistant Professor of Political Theory at The City College of New York (CUNY) and Associate Researcher at the Centre for European Studies of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). His research combines a historical approach to the study of political ideas with a concern for contemporary normative issues, focusing in particular on democratic theory and political parties. He has published articles in many leading international academic journals, and a book with Columbia University Press entitled: *Relativism and Religion. Why Democratic Societies Do Not Need Moral Absolutes* (2015). Professor Invernizzi Accetti is also a regular commentator on European and in particular Italian politics for publications such as the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, Al Jazeera, Quartz, Le Monde Diplomatique and France 24.



James Fontanella-Khan is a senior correspondent for the Financial Times in New York. Before moving to the US he spent several years in Europe reporting on EU immigration policy, social affairs, justice and the Eurozone. Between 2008 and 2012 he was as an FT correspondent in India, covering business and politics. He joined the FT in 2006 in London. He holds a BSc in Economics with Politics from Royal Holloway, University of London and an MA in European Studies from L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). He used to play as a goalkeeper in the youth team of an Italian Serie A football club between 1996 and 2001.

PLENARY SESSION



Jan Zielonka is Professor of European Politics at the University of Oxford and Ralf Dahrendorf Professorial Fellow at St Antony's College. He has published numerous works in the field of international relations, comparative politics and the history of political ideas. His current work analyses the politics of European integration and disintegration. He also works on the relationship between the media and democracy in Europe. His books include *Is the EU doomed?*, *Europe as Empire*. *The Nature of the Enlarged European Union*, *Europe Unbound: Enlarging and Reshaping the Boundaries of the European Union*. Zielonka studied Law at the University of Wroclaw, Poland, and Political Science at the University of Warsaw where he received his Ph.D. in 1981. He worked at the University of Groningen, University of Leiden, and European University Institute in Florence, before taking up his current position at the University of Oxford in January 2004.

CLOSING REMARKS

Maria João Rodrigues MEP is the S&D Group Vice-President for economic and social policies. Before entering the European Parliament in 2014, she had worked closely with the European institutions as a special advisor and had been Portuguese Minister for Employment. During her career, she was one of the founders of the EU Strategy for growth and jobs and has worked with the EU agenda for globalisation and strategic partnerships with the US and the BRIC countries, responses to the Euro-zone crisis and on the final negotiations of the Lisbon Treaty. As an academic, she holds three master's degrees and a PhD in economics from the University of Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne as well as a Degree in Sociology from the University of Lisbon, she is a Professor on European economic policies and had lectured at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and at the Lisbon University Institute. She was also the chair of the European Commission Advisory Board.



FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2016

WORKSHOP 1



Brando Benifei MEP is one of the youngest MEPs (he is aged 30) and is from La Spezia, Italy. He has been chair of European Affairs for the Young Democrats and Vice-President of ECOSY (youth organisation of the Party of European Socialists) for four years. He joined the PES working group which originally drafted the European Youth Guarantee. His main fields of legislative work in the EP are Employment and Social Affairs, and Foreign Affairs. He is vice-chair of the Youth Intergroup and the Disability Intergroup.

Enrico Giovannini is an Italian economist and statistician, and member of the Club of Rome. Since 2002 he is full professor at the Rome University "Tor Vergata". He was Minister of Labour and Social Policies in the Letta Government, President of the Italian Statistical Institute, Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the OECD. He is Senior Fellow of the LUISS School of European Political Economy, Visiting Fellow at the EPSC, Vice-president of the High Level Group on Competitiveness and Growth of the European Council, Co-Chair of the "Independent Experts Advisory Board on Data Revolution for Sustainable Development" established by the UN Secretary-General, and member of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board responsible for supervising the functioning of the European Statistical System. In October 2014, the President of the Italian Republic made him "Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica", the highest ranking honour of the Italian Republic. He is author of more than ninety articles and four books on economic and statistical topics.





Marco Boschini is an Italian political thinker and author from Parma. He coordinates the foundation of the National Association of Municipalities Virtuosi (www.comunivirtuosi.org), a network of local agencies working to reduce their carbon footprint. He was a city councillor from 1999 - 2009 in Parma and councillor from 2004 - 2014 in Colorno. He has written numerous books on local governance and politics including *Caro sindaco new global*, *I nuovi stili di vita nella politica locale*, *Comuni virtuosi*, *Nuovi stili di vita nella pubblica amministrazione* and *In Comune*. Idee semplici, concrete ed efficaci. He also writes blogs and columns for Huffington Post and Il Fatto.

WORKSHOP 2

Kathleen Van Brempt is a Belgian Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President of the S&D Group responsible for sustainability. She served as Member of the European Parliament from January 2000 to October 2003, when she resigned to become State Secretary for Labour Organisation and Welfare in the Belgian federal government. During the regional elections of 2004, she was elected to the Flemish Parliament where she became Minister for Mobility, Social Economy and Equal Opportunities. In 2009, Van Brempt was re-elected to the European Parliament. She is a member of the Industry and Energy Committee, where she focuses on social equality, European social policy, sustainability, energy and environmental issues. In February 2016 she was elected chair of the Inquiry Committee on Emission measurements in the automotive sector.



Prof. Walter R. Stahel has been founder and director of the Product-Life Institute (Switzerland), the oldest established consultancy in Europe devoted to developing sustainable strategies and policies, since 1983. From 1986 to 2013, he was also director of risk management research of the Geneva Association. In 2005, he was nominated Visiting Professor at the University of Surrey. Walter has written numerous books and papers on sustainable societies including *The Performance Economy*, *The Product-Life Factor* and *Limits to Certainty*, facing risks in the new service economy. His 1976 report to the EU on "The Potential for Substituting Manpower for Energy" defined the Circular Economy.



Said El Khadraoui is an advisor on sustainable development at the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC) of the European Commission. Prior to joining the EPSC, he was a Member of the European Parliament from 2003 to 2014, where he was co-ordinator and spokesperson for the S&D Group on the Transport Committee and substitute member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. He has also been a Member of the Belgian Chamber of Representatives, Deputy Major of Leuven from 2001 to 2003 and an official at the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1999-2001 and 2014-2015). He has a Master's degree in history from the University of Leuven and in international relations from Leuven and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris.

WORKSHOP 3

István Ujhelyi MEP is a Member of the European Parliament and the Head of the Hungarian National Delegation in the S&D Group. Currently, he is Vice-Chair of the Transport and Tourism Committee and also a member in the EP's delegation responsible for relations with China. After graduating as a lawyer, he was elected member of the local government of Szeged. In 2002 he became a Member of the Hungarian Assembly. He was Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly from 2010 to 2014. István has been a Member of the Hungarian Socialist Party since 1993. Since 2004, he has been Vice-President of the Party. He is also the founder of the think tank European Democrats and President of the EU-China One Belt One Road Culture and Tourism Development Committee.



Anna Lisa Boni is an expert on EU policies and their urban and regional dimension, with 20 years of professional experience across cities, regions, networks and the European Parliament. She has worked for the City of Bologna, the French region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and is now EUROCITIES secretary general. Anna Lisa has Masters Degrees from the University of Bologna, in political science, and from the University of Leuven, in European studies. She is Italian and has been based in Brussels since 2001.



Gerard Penot, born in 1949 in Paris, is a French urban planner. In 1980, he founded the Atelier Ruelle, which brings together urban planners, architects and landscape designers. It bases itself on the idea that intervening in urban processes involves close collaboration between these different actors, who each bring different skills and ideas. He specializes in designing attractive areas that are also practical and cost-efficient. He has worked on the various large scale projects, for example in Nantes, Saint-Etienne and Rennes.

Phillippe Malinge is the Europe Service Manager of the City of Nantes and Nantes Métropole. He previously worked in various roles dealing with European policy for the City as well as for trade unions at the national and European level. He was also member of the working group on Services of General Interest within the European Federation of Public Services (EPSU) when he was elected at the EPSU's Executive Committee Plenary session.



Paul Magnette is the Prime Minister of the Walloon Government, a position he has held since July 2014. He is also Mayor of Charleroi, Wallonia's largest city. Previously Magnette was minister for Health, Social Action and Equal Opportunity of the Walloon government and minister for Climate and Energy in the Belgian federal government. Between December 2011 and January 2014 Magnette was Minister for Public Enterprises, Scientific Policy and Development Cooperation, when he formally resigned to become mayor of Charleroi and Chairman of the Parti Socialiste. He studied political sciences at the ULB, and obtained a PhD in 1999 with a dissertation on Citoyenneté et construction européenne. His research interest is on institutional policies, the European Union, and theories of democracy.



Martin Schulz MEP is a German politician and President of the European Parliament since 2012. He was originally elected to the European Parliament in 1994 and became leader of the Socialist Group in 2004. He was elected President of the European Parliament in January 2012. In 2013 he was put forward by the Party of European Socialists as their candidate for the position of European Commission President. On 1 July 2014 he was re-elected President of the European Parliament, becoming the first President in the history of the European Parliament to be re-elected for a second term. He was awarded the Charlemagne Prize in Aachen in 2014 for his work promoting the democratic basis of a united Europe. He also plays a leading role in the German SPD party, which he joined at age 19. Before going into politics he worked as an apprentice book seller and later opened a bookstore in his home town of Würselen. During this time he was already politically active and at the age of 31, he was elected Mayor of Würselen in 1987, a position he held until 1998.

Maria Elena Boschi is an Italian politician and lawyer, she is Minister for constitutional reforms in the Renzi government, a position she has held since 2014. She is in charge of important legislation on reforming the Italian political system, in particular reforming the role of the Senate. She was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 2013, having previously worked as a lawyer. Born in Arezzo, she has a degree in law from the University of Florence and an MA in Corporate Law.



Stefano Bonaccini was born in Modena, on 1 January 1967. Always active in politics, in 1995 he was elected secretary of the Democratic Party of the Left for Modena. In 2007 he became the provincial secretary of the new formed Democratic Party and two years later Bonaccini was elected regional secretary of the PD for Emilia-Romagna. A regional councillor, he was member of the National bureau of the Democratic Party. On 23 November 2014, he won the regional election in Emilia-Romagna with 49.1% of votes, becoming the 9th President of the Region. On 17 December 2015, President Bonaccini was elected President of the Conference of the Regions and Autonomous Provinces of Italy.

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