



*Roundtable seminar on*

***The Social Agenda:  
the impact of the financial crisis on daily life,  
employment and incomes***

Monday, 26 January 2009  
A5E-3, European Parliament, Brussels  
15h00-18h30

**Programme**

15.00-16.00

**Key issues**

Mobility and freedom of choice: 'A real world agenda for European mobility'

- **Alain Lamassoure MEP**, *former French Minister for European Affairs; rapporteur, 'European Citizens And Community Law Implementation'*

Job creation: 'Preparing for the Recovery: focusing on job creation and SMEs'

- **Dirk Hudig**, *Chairman of EIN Working Group on Employment, Skills and Human Capital*

Self-employment: "Ending discriminations against independent labour"

- **Johan Bortier**, *UNIZO*

16.100-16.15

Coffee Break

16.15-17.45

Youth: 'Meeting the new generation expectations at local and global level'

- **Branislav Stanicek**, *Administrator RELEX, Committee of the Regions*

Ageing: 'Active ageing'

- **Philippe Brongniart**, *Former Director General, Suez Group*

Future of Welfare: 'Time to drastically simplify social payments'

- **Gilles Dryancourt**, *Director, Government relations, John Deere & Company*

Rapporteur :

- **Richard Hume-Rothery**, *Director, European Study Group*

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**Closing Address**

'A society of progress for the individual'

- **Jacques Barrot**, *Vice-President of the European Commission*