



Lunch debate on

POVERTY AND MENTAL HEALTH IN THE EU: A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE

Monday, 30 November 2009, 12h00 – 14h30

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels
Paul Henri Spaak Building, room P7C050

Agenda

- 12:00** **Registration of participants and lunch buffet**
- 12:30** **Welcome by the European Parliament**
Mr. Milan Zver, hosting MEP
- 12:45** **Address by Mental Health Europe**
Mr. Nace Kovac, MHE President
- 12:50** **Using human rights to tackle poverty**
Ms. Elizabeth Mottershaw, independent human rights Consultant and Associate at Global Partners and Associate, London
- 13:20** **Social inequality in Mental Health - a reality**
Mr. Preben Brandt, psychiatrist, Chair of the Council for socially marginalised groups, Denmark, MHE Board member
- 13:35** **Poverty, human rights and mental health: the Irish experience**
Mr. Brian Howard, Chief Executive Officer at Mental Health Ireland, MHE Board member
- 13:50** **Ad Hoc Experts Group Report on the transition from institutional to community care**
Mr Jan Jarab, Cabinet Mr Vladimir Spidla, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- 14:00** **Drawing recommendations on poverty, human rights and mental health**
Questions and audience debate
Chair: Dr Lynne Friedli, Mental Health Promotion Specialist
- 14:20** **Conclusion and closing of event**
Mr Milan ZVER MEP and Mr Nace Kovac, MHE President

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