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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

17th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty

Let's make education a way out of poverty!

7-8 November 2018

MCE Conference Center, Rue de l'Aqueduc, 118 1050 Ixelles Belgium

Wednesday 7th November

9.00 -10.30 **Registration & 'Market place'**

- **Networking and informal exchange between delegates and guests - with tea, coffee and refreshments**

National delegations and other actors share materials from the preparatory work carried out at national level on access to education.

10.30 – 11.15 **Opening Plenary**

- **Vera Hinterdorfer**, EAPN Vice-President
- Testimonies from 2- 3 members of **national delegations**
- **Katarina Ivanković Knežević**, - Director for Social Affairs in DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission
- **Florian Pecenka**, Head of Unit - Department for Education, Science and Research at Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU
- Video intervention from **Marianne Thyssen** – European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility

11.15 – 13.00 **World Café**

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

14.30 – 16.30 **Final rounds of World Café & collective sharing**

16.30 – 17.00 **Coffee break**

17.00 – 18.00 **Bringing up concrete proposals.**

This session will work on making the discussion more action-oriented and on providing input for the plenary debate of the next day.

19.00 - Drinks and dinner at the Thon Hotel Bristol

Thursday 8th November

9.00 – 9.30 **Visibility Action : “Freeze Flashmob”** - Carrefour de l’Europe, Brussels-Central Station
Participants freeze up for a few minutes in postures relating to the topic of the meeting, then engage with the public

10.15 -11.00 **Finalizing the preparations for the plenary session**

11.00 – 13.00 **Dialogue between national delegations of people experiencing poverty and policy makers**

- **Michèle Vleminckx and** ATD Fourth World Belgium - Working group on poverty & access to education
- **Michael Teutsch** - Head of Unit for Schools and Multilingualism of the DG Education and Culture in the European Commission
- **Guy Vanhengel** – Brussels Minister of Finance and Budget (tbc)
- **European Commission** representative of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission

13.00 – Family picture

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch