

DIALOGUE SEMINAR

Social Services and Healthcare Services: A Contribution of the Churches and Church Organisations to the European Social Model

**European Commission
Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)
Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community (COMECE)**

Brussels, 17-18 October 2006

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 17 October

- 17:00-19:00 **Preparatory meeting for representatives of churches and church organisations**
at the Ecumenical Centre Brussels, Meeting Room of the EKD,
Rue Joseph II, 166, 1000 Brussels
- 19:00 **Dinner**

Wednesday, 18 October

Dialogue Seminar

- 9:00-9:15 **Opening and Welcome**
- Ms Catherine Day, Secretary General of the European Commission
- Rev. Rüdiger Noll, Director of the Church & Society Commission of the
Conference of European Churches (CSC of CEC)
- Mgr Noel Treanor, Secretary General of the Commission of the Bishop's
Conferences of the European Community (COMECE)
- 9:15-11:00 **Churches and Church Organisations as Providers of Social Services and
Healthcare Services / The Political and Legal Framework of the European
Union**
- Moderation: N.N.
- 9:15-9:30 Presentation: *Social Services and Healthcare Services provided by Churches and
Church Organisations: Expectations vis-à-vis the European Union*
CEC or COMECE Representative

- 9:30-9:45 Presentation: *The White Paper on Services of general interest and the Communication on Social Services*
European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- 9:45-10:00 Presentation: *The Relevance of Healthcare Services in the European Health Strategy*
European Commission, Health and Consumer Protection
- 10:00-10:15 Presentation: *The Impact of the Services Directive on Social Services and Healthcare Services*
European Commission, Internal Market
- 10:15-11:00 Discussion
- 11:00-11:15 **Coffee/Tea Break**
- 11:15-13:00 **Social and Healthcare Services and the Internal Market**
Moderation: N.N.
- 11:15-11:30 Presentation: *The Significance of Social and Healthcare Services provided by Churches, Caritas and Diaconia for the European Economy*
CEC or COMECE Representative
- 11:30-11:45 Presentation: *Social and Healthcare Services in the Internal Market and their relevance for the European Social Model*
Eckart Guth, Deputy Secretary General of the European Commission
- 11:45-12:00 Presentation: *High Quality Social and Healthcare Services for a Social Europe*
Evelyne Gebhardt MEP
- 12:00-13:00 Discussion
- 13:00-13:15 **Towards a Comprehensive Approach to Social and Healthcare Services – Conclusions**
Mgr Noel Treanor, Secretary General of the Commission of the Bishop's Conferences of the European Community (COMECE)
Rev. Rüdiger Noll, Director of the Church & Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches (CSC of CEC)
Ms Catherine Day, Secretary General of the European Commission
- 13.15 Lunch
- 15:00-16:30 **Evaluation meeting for representatives of churches and church organisations**
at the Secretariat of COMECE, Rue Stévin 42, 1000 Brussels