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POLICY CONFERENCE

Placing sustainable and inclusive wellbeing at the heart of the economy: From Research to Transformative Policy

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14 January 2026 – Residence Palace

8.45 WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

9.15 OPENING GREETINGS

- MEP co-hosts: Sirpa Pietikäinen (EEP) and Benedetta Scuderi (Greens)
 - Maria Cristina Russo (DG RTD, European Commission)
 - Liisa Häikiö (Tampere University)
 - Andrea Ferrannini (University of Florence)
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9.45 SESSION 1: Towards a New Economic Paradigm for Sustainable and Inclusive Wellbeing

- Keynote speaker: Enrico Giovannini (Member of the UN High-Level Expert Group on Beyond-GDP)
 - Joint Intervention from ToBe and SPES projects: Tuuli Hirvilammi (Tampere University) and Mario Biggeri (University of Florence)
 - Panel discussion
 - Mario Nava (DG EMPL, European Commission)
 - Geraldine Mahieu (DG ECFIN, European Commission)
 - Benedetta Scuderi (European Parliament)
 - Alexandra Köves (University of Corvinus)
 - Marc Fleurbaey (Paris School of Economics)
 - Q&A
 - Andrea Ferrannini (University of Florence)
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11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.20 SESSION 2: Fostering change for sustainable and inclusive wellbeing in Europe (and beyond)

- 4 lightning presentations from SPES and ToBe projects
 - Simone Borghesi (European University Institute)
 - Jane Mariara (Partnership for Economic Policy)
 - Milena Büchs (University of Leeds)
 - Riina Bhatia (VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland)
 - Panel discussion
 - Lars Mortensen (European Environmental Agency)
 - Romina Boarini (OECD WISE Centre)
 - Santosh Mehrotra (University of Bath)
 - Laura de Bonfils (Social Platform)
 - Q&A
 - Moderator: Brooke Moore (EPC)
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12.30 NETWORKING LUNCH

13.30 BREAKOUT SESSION 1

- Room 1 – *Building climate-resilient sustainable societies for current and future generations*
 - Lightning presentations of project findings & policy recommendations
 - Jacopo Cammeo (European University Institute)
 - Jelena Zarkovic (University of Belgrade)
 - Nina Rilla (VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland)
 - Mladen Domazet (Institute for Political Ecology)
 - Panel discussion
 - Claire Gavard (DG Clima, European Commission) (tbc)
 - Daniela Jacob (Climate Service Center Germany)
 - Laurent Standaerd (Green European Foundation)
 - Emma Wikstrom (Carbon Market Watch)
 - Q&A
 - Moderator: Mikael Leyi (Solidar/Social Platform)
 - Room 2 – *Ensuring inclusion, empowerment and participation in the just transition*
 - Lightning presentations of project findings & policy recommendations
 - Amaia Palencia-Esteban (London School of Economics and Political Science)
 - Mi Ah Schoyen (OSLOMET)
 - Kenneth Nelson (Stockholm University and University of Oxford)
 - Arvid Lindh (Stockholm University)
 - Panel discussion
 - Frank Siebern-Thomas (DG EMPL, European Commission)
 - Saamah Abdallah (Hot or Cool)
 - Katja Hujo (UNRISD)
 - Sotiria Theodoropoulou (ETUI)
 - Q&A
 - Moderator: Alessia Greselin (Tampere University)
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14.30 COFFEE BREAK

15.00 BREAKOUT SESSION 2

- Room 1 - *Tracking progress towards Sustainable and Inclusive wellbeing through beyond GDP metrics*
 - Lightning presentations of project findings & policy recommendations
 - Orsolya Lelkes (TARKI)
 - Stefania Milan (University of Amsterdam)
 - Philippe Roman (ICHEC Brussels Management School)
 - Brent Bleys (Ghent University)
 - Panel discussion
 - Diana Ognyanova (DG RTD, European Commission)
 - Friderike Oehler (Eurostat)
 - Pedro Conceicao (HDRO UNDP)
 - Rudi van Dam (Social Protection Committee - Indicator Subgroup)
 - Peter Benzcur (JRC)
 - Q&A
 - Moderator: Rutger Hoekstra (Leiden University)
- Room 2 - *The role of forecasting, models and scenarios in building a sustainable and inclusive future*
 - Lightning presentations of project findings & policy recommendations
 - Gregor Zens (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis)
 - Pierre Funalot (University of Bordeaux)
 - Sean Fearon (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
 - Jefim Vogel (University of Barcelona)
 - Panel discussion
 - Alessia Fulvimari (DG EMPL, European Commission) (tbc)
 - Michaela Saisana (JRC)
 - Bjorn Döhning (DG ECFIN, European Commission)
 - Simone D'Alessandro (WISER) (tbc)
 - Q&A
 - Moderator: Filka Sekulova (University of Barcelona)

16.15 CLOSING SESSION

- Reporting back of main learnings and ways forward from parallel sessions
 - Tuuli Hirvilammi (Tampere University)
 - Mario Biggeri (University of Florence)

16:30-17.30 NETWORKING RECEPTION

15 January – European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

8.30 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME

9.00 THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE WELLBEING IN A BEYOND GROWTH PERSPECTIVE

- Welcome by Mikko Aaltonen (Committee of the Regions)
 - Welcome by Sirpa Pietikäinen (MEP co-host)
 - Keynote Speech: Olivier de Schutter (UN)
 - Lightning responses from SPES & ToBe projects - Mario Biggeri (University of Florence) & Tuuli Hirvilammi (Tampere University)
 - Panel discussion
 - Sirpa Pietikäinen (European Parliament)
 - Ruth Reichstein (Cabinet member, President von der Leyen, European Commission (tbc))
 - Desa Srsen (cabinet member, Commissioner Micallef, European Commission)
 - Sandrine Dixson-Declève
 - Pedro Conceicao (HDRO UNDP)
 - Esther Lynch (ETUC)
 - Andrew Fanning (DEAL)
 - Q&A
 - Moderator: Elizabeth Kuiper (EPC)
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11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENSURING SUSTAINABLE & INCLUSIVE WELLBEING

- SPES and ToBe project recommendations:
 - Tuuli Hirvilammi (Tampere University)
 - Mario Biggeri (University of Florence)
 - Response: Philippe Lamberts (European Commission advisor on relevance for the just transition)
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11:50 CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE

- Mario Biggeri (University of Florence) & Tuuli Hirvilammi (Tampere University)



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