

# European States General for the Right to Housing

Novembre 5-6, 2007



European Parliament, Brussels



Monday 5 November (2 PM-7 PM)

Salle P7C050

## ▶ 14 h 30 - 15 h: General introduction

Presidency: **Francis Wurtz**, MEP, GUE/NGL chair

### The approach of European States General:

**Cesare Ottolini**, International Alliance of Inhabitants, Italy

**Jean-Thomas Laurent**, in charge of housing for Anecr, France

## ▶ 15 h - 16 h 30: First session

### Defending and promoting the right to housing

Issue presentation (10') : **Nicolas Bernard**, Lawyer and philosopher, Belgium

Grand witness (10') : **Vincenzo Simoni**, Unione Inquilini, Italy

#### Debate

Including 5' of prepared experience translation:

- Platform for decent housing Committee of Catalonia, **Daniele Porretta**, Spain
- Struggling for a national public service of housing in France, **J.P. Giacomo** (CNL), France
- Fighting violations of the rights to housing and the city in Russia, **Karine Clément** (IKD), Russian Federation

## ▶ 16 h 40 - 18 h: Second session

### Defending and promoting the right to the city

Issue presentation (10') : **Pierre Mansat**, Deputy Mayor Paris, France

Grand witness (10') : **Mary Lou Mc Donald**, MEP (GUE), Ireland

Intervener: **Marie-Noëlle Lienemann**, MEP (ESP), France

#### Debate

Including 5' of prepared experience translation:

- An urban restructuring in Berlin, **Dr Heinrich Niemann** (LHASA), Germany
- Squatt and self-recovering of the empty houses, **Paul Trigalet** (Solidarités Nouvelles), Belgium
- The inhabitants against the neoliberal europeanisation of Brussels, **José Garcia** (Syndicat des locataires), Belgium
- The right to the city and the travellers, **J. Jones**, (Thames Valley Gypsy Association), UK

## ▶ 18 h - 19 h: Informal exchange (no translation)

Tuesday 6 November (9 AM - 3 PM)

Salle A163

## ▶ 9 h - 10 h 40: Third session

### About the influence of the European Union over housing policies

Issue presentation (10') : **Eva-Britt Svensson**, MEP (GUE-NGL), Sweden

Grand witness (10') : **Paul-Louis Marty**, Chairman of Cecodhas

#### Debate

Including 5' of prepared experience translation:

- International Union of Tenants (DMB) in Brussels, **Barbara Litke**, Germany
- Local councillor in Prague, **Miroslav Prokes**, Czech Republic
- An elected municipal Lisbon, **Rita Silva**, Portugal

## ▶ 11 h - 12 h 30: Fourth session

### Objectives and follow-up of the States general

Issue presentation: **Cesare Ottolini** and **Jean-Thomas Laurent**

#### Debate

On proposals for continued and a form of organization for these States General.

## ▶ 12 h 30 - 13 h 30: Informal exchange (no translation)