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President Jacques Reignault

The 4th of this month, our **President Mr Jacques Reignault**, accompanied by Director General Dr Theodoros Koutroubas, had a long and fruitful collaboration with **Mr Grégoire Schöller**, responsible for “Professional Qualifications” within the Cabinet of European Commissioner for Single Market, **Mr Michel Barnier**.

The meeting was an opportunity for President Reignault to present in detail the points CEPLIS feels are the most important in the context of the ongoing process of revision of Directive 2005/36, and to insist on the need to directly involve the professions in all discussions aiming at elaborating ideas such as the 28th Regime-European Curriculum.

As the Task Group of CEPLIS is preparing to submit proposals to the Commission's DG MARKT in view of the imminent publication of the Green Paper, President Reignault discussed with Mr Schöller the Commissioner's Single Market Act and the ways to collaborate in order to concretise its guidelines.



Mr Grégoire Schöller

Mr Schöller expressed a keen interest in the Leeds Institute for Research on the Liberal Professions project and discussed possibilities of European financing.

For further information on this meeting, please contact CEPLIS' Secretariat

Steering Group on European Professional Cards: the Commission announced that the Green Paper is going to be published sooner than expected and proposes to extend the group's life till October



Mr Jurgen Tidje

At the third meeting of the European Commission's Steering Group on Professional Cards, in which CEPLIS is actively participating represented by Dr Koutroubas, DG MARKT's Head of Unit on "Qualifications", **Mr Jurgen Tidje** has announced that the European Parliament has urged his services to speed up the publication of the Green Paper on the revision of the Directive 2005/36.

Initially expected at the beginning of autumn, the Green Paper in question is now most probably going to be published by the end of June or the first days of July 2011. At the

same time, the College of Commissioners is planning to discuss this April the following up of Michel Barnier's "Single Market Act", in order to define 12 main priorities on which a political agreement amongst Member States should be achieved by the end of 2012.

In the light of these evolutions, Mr Tiedje proposed an extension of the Steering Groups' Works till October, in order to enable the completion of a number of case studies on some professions (to be defined) and to examine the possibility to take them forward. The members of the Group discussed in depth **the Commission's non paper on the professional card.**

For further information on the non paper in question, please contact Dr Koutroubas by phone (+ 32 2 511 44 39) or by e-mail (ceplis@scarlet.be)

A Roadmap from the European Economic and Social Committee for Participatory Democracy in Europe



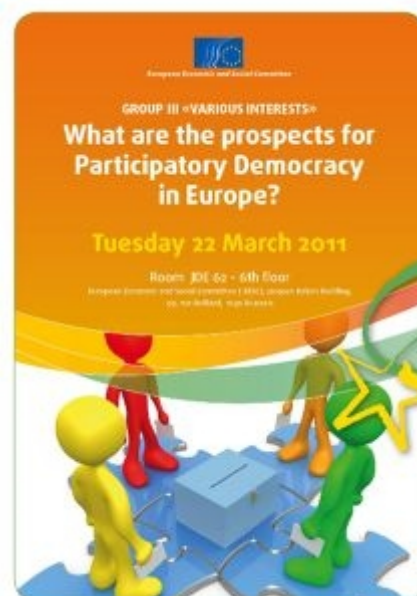
The **Group on "Various Interests"** (Group III) of the **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)** has published the 22nd of March its conclusions on the prospects for an European Participatory Democracy. The President of the Group III, **Mr Luca**

Jahier, underlined the ambition of the **Civil Dialogue Project**.

Those present in the meeting of the official adoption have expressed their frustration on the low participation of citizen and the cumbersome structure of civil society at European level. Invited by the EESC, the Vice-President of the European Parliament, **Mrs Isabelle Durant**, highlighted the lack of identification and ownership of European legislation by citizens. The Group III considered that it is necessary to adopt a proactive stance by capitalizing on the experiences of all Member States and of civil society organisations.

The “**Roadmap for European participatory democracy**” summarises the actions to be carried out both by the EESC by the other EU Institutions and Member States. Group III has undertaken to ensure an effective follow-up of these proposals.

According to President Luca Jahier, the revival of the Community Method in the field of civil dialogue should be the next step: “*The EESC must now organise its work in such a way that it leads to the development of a Green Paper on the practical implementation of Civil Dialogue, as it has been done for the citizens’ initiative.*”



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The European Parliament takes measures after the scandals of corruption

As you know (CEPLIS Telegram 06/11), the European Parliament has been recently shocked by the corruption scandals of several MEPS.



Three MEPs, Mr **Zoran Thaler**, Slovenian, from the centre-right-wing party, Mr **Adrian Severin**, his Romanian and socialist colleague, and Mr **Ernst Strasser**, member of the Austrian liberal party (and not socialist, as we have wrongly mentioned before) have been

tricked by Sunday Times journalists, proposing them money in exchange of their support for the bank legislation.

To avoid the repetition of such behaviour, the European Parliament has decided to adopt reforms in order to raise the transparency obligations imposed to its members. Put under pressure, the leaders of the different political parties have decided to set up a working group, chaired by the President of the Parliament, Mr **Jerzy Buzek**.

The goal is to reinforce MEPs integrity. A Code of Conduct for the 736 MEPs (currently non-existent) should be adopted in order to clarify what could be done and what should be avoided. This Code of Conduct should give more transparency to the relations between MEPs and the stakeholders lobbying with them in order to promote their interests.

For the French MEP Alain Lamassoure, these changes will probably not be enough to avoid future misconducts: *"It is not the point here of a failure of the rules, but of the persons. And it is not because you have a maximum of rules that you can prevent them being broken"*.

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World Health Day : Actions must be taken against the bacterial resistance to the antibiotics



Seventy years after the introduction of antibiotics, the rise of bacterial resistance has become an important threat to the public health. We are now facing the possibility of a future without effective antibiotics for several life-threatening infections. While

infectious agents are getting stronger against the medicines currently in use, not enough drugs are being developed to combat them.

In the EU, drug-resistant bacteria cause about 400,000 infections a year and at least 25,000 deaths annually. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a naturally occurring phenomenon. Bacteria have always possessed the ability to protect themselves from antibiotics by acquiring resistance through the exchange of genetic material with other bacteria. However, the widespread use of antibiotics has further accelerated the development of antimicrobial resistance. As a result, even the most recently approved and most effective drugs will gradually decline in efficiency.

Antimicrobial resistance has become such a critical issue, that the World Health Organisation has made it the theme of this year's World Health Day on 7 April. On the European level, several initiatives have been launched to raise awareness for increasing antimicrobial resistance, including the work of the European Commission on the EU-US taskforce on antimicrobial resistance (Tatfar). The Commission will provide its recommendations in a report to be released at the EU-US summit in 2011. Tatfar's goal is to ensure appropriate therapeutic use of antimicrobial drugs in the medical and veterinary communities, to prevent both healthcare, and community-associated drug-resistant infections, and develop strategies aimed at improving the pipeline of new antimicrobial drugs.

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Coming event: the Second Mediterranean Meetings of the Liberal Professions



The **29th and 30th of April 2011**, the **World Union Profession (WUP)** will organise the **Second Mediterranean Meetings of the Liberal Professions**, in **Marseilles** (France) at the Palace of Pharo.

This year, the main topic of the event is “the Liberal Professions facing the Globalisation”. It will give the opportunity to the participants to discuss the current events and the challenges facing the Members of the Liberal Professions coming from the Mediterranean.

Fours debates will be organised at this occasion: “the specificity of liberal professions and the social dialogue”, “the access to professional services: development factor, eradication of poverty, peace factor”, “the civil society and the liberal professions: the role of the political leaders”, “the liberal professions and the international institutions”.

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