



DRAFT Conference Program:

Domestic Workers Rights – Two years after the adoption of the ILO-convention

14 November 2013 - European Parliament, Brussels

9.00-17.30 in Room A1G2

Objectives:

- To inform MEPs and other actors about the marginalization of domestic workers in Europe
- To identify strategic actions to promote the ratification of the Domestic Workers ILO Convention in EU Member States

Conference organised by the following GUE/NGL delegations: Vänsterpartiet (Sweden), Die Linke (Germany), and Sinn Féin

PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.15 Opening by the President of GUE/NGL Ms. Gabi Zimmer

- **9.15 – 10.00 On the situation of Domestic Workers.** Presentation by Karin Pape, International Coordinator of the International Domestic Workers Network (IDWN). To be confirmed.
- Presentation by representative of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). Coordinator of the global “12 12 campaign for ratification”. Name to be confirmed.
- Q&A

10.00 – 12.30 Domestic Workers NGO:s and Trade unions speak about their own experiences.

Speakers from:

Ireland: Hilda Regaspi, Domestic Workers Action Group (DWAG).

Italy: Giulia Mesinan, Trade union CGIL/FILCAMS. (she is the vice chair of the EFFAT women's committee). Italy was the first country in the EU to ratify the ILO convention.

Germany: NGO/Trade Union to be confirmed

United Kingdom : Marissa Begonia „Justice4Domestic Workers. J4DW is a self-organisation of migrant Domestic Workers in the UK, who also act as a Unite Union official for domestic workers. To be confirmed.

Sweden: NGO-name to be confirmed.

Philippines: Jille Belisario, Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers

Respect Network: Petra Snelders, Respect is a European network of migrant domestic workers' self-organization and trade unions.

Anti Slavery International: Aidan McQuaide, Director.

12.30 – 15.00 LUNCH

15.00 – 16.00 The ILO-convention and the ratification process

Presentation by an ILO representative. Name to be confirmed.

Comments from:

- Pervenche Beres, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (S&D)
- Ines Zuber (GUE/NGL) , Rapporteur for the European Parliament report on the *Draft Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify the Convention concerning decent work for domestic workers, 2011*

16.00 – 17.30 Debate

How to strengthen the rights of the domestic workers?

How to get more countries to ratify the convention?

IDWN Karin Pape/ Marieke Koning ITUC-repr/ ILO name to be confirmed / MEP:s Mikael Gustafsson/S&D MEP Pervenche Beres/ The EU-Commission repr. Name to be confirmed.

17.30 End of Conference

For information: EP resolution and debate on domestic workers in May 2011

EP Resolution adopted in May 2011 <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P7-TA-2011-0237+0+DOC+XML+V0//SV&language=SV>

Debate in the European Parliament in May 2011

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