

# Draft agenda for the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Demography Forum

## *Better Societies for Families and Older People*

Date: 24./25.November 2008

Venue: Charlemagne Building in Brussels

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### **Monday, 24 November 2008**

#### **10:00-10:30 Opening speeches**

- **Vladimir ŠPIDLA**, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- **Xavier BERTRAND**, French Minister for Labour, Labour Relations, Family and Solidarity

#### **10:30-12:30 Key note speeches**

- Recent demographic developments by **Wolfgang LUTZ**, Director of the Vienna Institute of Demography
- Needs of an ageing population by **Ilona KICKBUSCH**, chairperson of the World Ageing and Generations Congress St. Gallen
- Modernisation of family policies by **Gøsta ESPING-ANDERSEN**, Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona

#### **12.30-14.30 Buffet Lunch**

#### **14:30-18:00 Parallel workshops**

In each workshop one example of good practice is presented by a representative of a European State. Representatives of other Member States, stakeholders and academic experts are then invited to discuss the presented approach.

#### **14:30-16:00 Workshops on family policies**

		Presentations by
1	Policies to foster greater family friendliness of employers	Germany
2	Age-friendly environments: support for independent living	Netherlands (t.b.c.).
3	Effective use of family policies to reduce child poverty	Sweden

#### **16:00-16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30-18:00 Workshops on adaptation to the needs of an ageing society**

		Presentations by
4	Public policy support to promote volunteering by senior citizens	United Kingdom
5	Equal sharing of family responsibilities between women and men	Iceland
6	Employment of older people: Increasing activity and social integration	N.N.

**19:00-22:00 Dinner (Concert Noble)**

**Tuesday, 25 November 2008**

**09:00-10:15 Integrated approaches to demographic change**

- Presentation of the Japanese approach by **Yoshio HIGUCHI**, Keio University, Tokyo
- Presentation of the Bulgarian approach, **N.N**
- Presentation of the regional strategy of North-Rhine Westphalia, **Armin LASCHET**, Minister for Generations, Families, Women and Integration

**10:15-10:45 Coffee break**

**10:45-12:45 Policy Makers' Roundtable: Is Europe prepared for the demographic transition?**

**12:45-13:00 Closing speech by José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission (t.b.c.)**

**13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch**