



Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF)

International High-Level Roundtable on Environmental Health and the EU Lisbon Agenda and SDS “Clean, clever and competitive from a citizen’s perspective”

Preliminary programme

Location and date: Brussels, Monday 27th of November 2006

Chair: Mary MacPhail, Director European Women’s Lobby

- 14.00 Introduction: A healthy Europe: prerequisite for long-term competitiveness
Sascha Gabizon, WECF International Director
- 14.10 The Lisbon strategy and the protection of public health
Reaction by Commissioner Günter Verheugen, DG Enterprise (*confirmed*)
- 14.30 Responsibility and urgency: Reducing the environmental burden of disease;
children first
Prof. Philippe Grandjean, Harvard University and the University of Southern Denmark
(*confirmed*)
- 14.50 New insights in environmental effects on health – a revolution in science
Dr. John Peterson Myers, Cornell University (*confirmed*)
- 15.10 Conclusions and highlights of the joint scientific workshop on the environmental burden
of disease (JRC/WHO/EEA), Copenhagen, 25 Sept 2006
David Gee, European Environment Agency (EEA) (*confirmed*)
- 15.25 Q&A from the audience
- 15.45 Tea / coffee break
- 16.00 Roundtable Participants will join in the discussion and give their views on possibilities
for integrating health in the environmental pillar of Lisbon and in the SDS. They will
react to recommendations formulated by WECF, based amongst others on the
outcomes of the expert workshops.

Roundtable participants: *(to be confirmed)*

- David Gee (European Environmental Agency)
- Heinz Zourek (Director General of DG Enterprise)
- Robert Madelin (Director General of DG SANCO)
- Frédérique Ries (Member of the European Parliament)
- Sascha Gabizon (International Director of WECF)
- Marc Sapir (Managing Director of the European Trade Union Confederation)
- Ingrid Schulstroem (Marketing Manager Worldwide of Hennez & Mauritz)
- Pieter Van Geel (Environment Minister of the Netherlands)
- Genon Jensen (Director of the European Health & Environment Alliance)
- John Hontelez (Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau)

Q&A from the audience

17. 15 Presentation of the conclusions to the EU Commissioner of Health (SANCO) Markos Kyrianiou, and his reaction *(to be confirmed)*

17. 30 Reception

WECF will organize this event in the framework of our project "Eco-efficiency and sustainable development: Women promoting the environmental pillar of the Lisbon Strategy and the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS)."

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