



**High Level Conference**  
“Putting people and planet first:  
EU leadership for a social and green strategy post-2010”

Monday, September 28, 2009  
European Economic and Social Committee, Jacques Delors Building, 99 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels

**Provisional Programme**

**Monday, September 28**

- 09:00 - 10:00: Registration and coffee/tea
- 10:00 - 10:30: Opening and presentation of the Spring Alliance Manifesto by **Roshan di Puppò** and **Joël Decaillon**, Spring Alliance Steering Committee
- 10:30 – 11:10 EU responses to the Spring Alliance Manifesto followed by panel discussion with Spring Alliance Steering Committee, moderated by **Franz Fischler**, Chairman Ecosocial Forum Europe, with:
- Stavros Dimas**, Commissioner for Environment, European Commission  
**Vice President, European Parliament** (tbc)  
**Ola Alterå**, State Secretary to the Minister for Enterprise and Energy, Sweden
- 11:10 – 12:30 Panel discussion with Spring Alliance representatives:
- John Monks**, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation  
**Mikael Karlsson**, President, European Environmental Bureau  
**Conny Reuter**, President, Social Platform  
**Justin Kilcullen**, President, Concord
- 12:30 -14:00: Lunch break
- 14:00 – 14:45: Key note speech by **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission, followed by questions and answers
- 14:45 - 16:30: Parallel breakout sessions: “The Spring Alliance Manifesto and the realization of a green and social European agenda”
- In mixed groups of civil society representatives and policy makers will exchange thoughts on how the Manifesto objectives can be put into practice
- Option 1. ‘A Green and Social Deal & the Spring Alliance Manifesto’ - Room JDE 62 (plenary)

Moderator: **Sian Jones**, European Anti Poverty Network

Panellists:

- **Derek Osborn**, Vice-President Sustainable Development Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee
- **Philippe Pochet**, General Director, European Trade Union Institute

Option 2. 'From Competitiveness to Global Solidarity' (Room JDE 63)

Moderator: **Joanna Maycock**, Europe and New Countries Manager, ActionAid

Panellists:

- **Franz Fischler**, Chairman Ecosocial Forum Europe
- **Laura Martin Murillo**, Director, Sustainlabour Foundation

Option 3: 'What role for the state in a Sustainable European Union?' (Room JDE 60 with French interpretation)

Moderator: **Stefan Scheuer**, Director, Europe Planet Earth

Panellists:

- Stéphane Buffetaut**, President of the EESC's Sustainable Development Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee
- Penny Clarke**, Head of EU Policy, European Public Services Union

16:30 - 17:00:

**Coffee/tea break**

17:00 - 17:45:

“Moving on with the Agenda”: Feed back from break out sessions followed by responses from the **Spring Alliance Steering Committee** and **Mario Sepi**, President, European Economic and Social Committee

Followed by discussion in plenary

17:45 – 18:00:

Spring Alliance briefing by **Roshan di Puppo**, Spring Alliance Steering Committee, about next steps and coming activities

18:00 -19:30:

Close of the meeting followed by EEB hosted reception with Members of European Parliament

The work of Spring Alliance is co-sponsored by the European Commission, the Czech Ministry of the Environment, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture Forestry, Environment and Water Management of Austria and the Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment.