

EPP Group Highlights (25-28 March 2013)



'Stop the Clock' for aviation emission trading

The 'Stop the Clock' proposal for a temporary derogation from the EU Emissions Trading Scheme on the obligations on flights operating to and from the EU will be voted on Tuesday. The proposal, drafted by EPP Group MEP Pieter Liese, was made in view of the International Civil Aviation Organisation Assembly of September 2013 where an international agreement on a CO2 Emissions Trading Scheme is expected.

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Sheltered workshops in the EU on the spotlight

On Wednesday, MEPs Ádám Kósa and Dieter-Lebrecht Koch will host a conference especially dedicated to organisations that employ people with disabilities. Entitled 'The evolving concept of sheltered workshops in the EU: realities and future developments', this conference is aimed at exploring whether the current sheltered workshops model, centered on building a more inclusive society, is compliant with the objectives of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Moreover, the participants of the event will discuss the way forward and provide recommendations to the EU Institutions.

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Removal of barriers for disabled persons

On Tuesday, Jan Kozłowski MEP is hosting a seminar entitled 'Mobility of disabled persons - more choices, more jobs, more Europe'. The event will take place in the European Parliament from 10.00-12.00 hrs, Room JAN 6Q1. The main topic of the seminar will be the efficient removal of barriers, not only physical or mechanical, but also bureaucratic ones, hindering the mobility of people with disabilities, and affecting their possibilities to work or study abroad, as well as limiting their access to cultural heritage. During the seminar, for the first time at European level, the project of introducing the Single European Disability Card will be presented.

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Press Conferences

- Tuesday @ 15.00 hrs: Elisabeth Morin-Chartier and others on the 2014 European Year for Reconciling Work and Family Life
- Tuesday @16.30 hrs: Salvador Sedó i Alabart on title tbc

