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Working towards a more inclusive and balanced European Semester: a model for civil society and trade union involvement

at the Member's Restaurant of the European Parliament on Wednesday 29th January 2014, from 8.30am until 10.00am.

As a tool for economic policy coordination, the European Semester has been at the top of the EU agenda for four years now. Since the Council of the European Union has agreed on the participation of stakeholders, civil society organisations and trade unions have sought to actively engage in the process.

With Member States gradually beginning to institutionalise the procedures of the European Semester, it is crucial perspectives and expectations of civil society organisations and trade unions are taken into account at national and EU level.

The European Parliamentary Week, which brings together parliamentarians from all over the European Union to discuss economic, budgetary and social matters, takes place from the 20-22nd January in Brussels. We would like to draw from these discussions and therefore **are pleased to invite you to participate in a Breakfast Seminar** hosted by **Jean Lambert MEP** and **Marije Cornelissen MEP**, together with the **European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions** and **Eurodiaconia**.

Our aim is to call on the European Commission **to provide a set of guidelines to Member States for the constructive involvement of civil society and trade unions in the European Semester.**

The breakfast will provide the opportunity for representatives from the European Institutions to exchange views with civil society and trade unions on how they envisage the future of an open and inclusive European Semester. The meeting will also allow participants to give an **assessment of how the European Semester is being communicated to civil society organisations and trade unions, to underline weaknesses and to propose concrete ideas.**

To register please send your full name, date of birth, ID type, ID number, nationality and organisation to marije.cornelissen@ep.europa.eu by Friday 24th January. With only 30 places available for this breakfast event, registration is on a first-come basis. Please notify us of any cancellations.

We look forward to welcoming you at the event.

