

OUR ASSOCIATION

Europeans Throughout The World - ETTW is a non-governmental federation of national associations for residents abroad.

Its objectives are

- To foster the development of associations of citizens residing abroad and to promote the international collaboration between such associations
- To promote the acknowledgement of the Rights and Obligations of the European expatriates by disseminating information and by performing studies and joint activities in the spirit of the European Union
- To act as spokesman and defender of the European expatriates towards all authorities, nationals and Europeans.
- To contribute to international life, bringing people together

In short Europeans Throughout The World - ETTW serve the more than five million European nationals living in Europe in another country than their own and the tens of million Europeans living around in the world. They gather 12 Member Associations being national non-governmental associations who serve in a multitude of ways the interests of nationals living in another country than their own.

Who are the people of Europeans Throughout The World- ETTW?

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Symposium

"Citizenship of the European expatriates"

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European Economic and Social Committee

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Purpose The symposium is part of a global action aiming to **foster a real European expatriates Citizenship**, including a further alignment of the democratic representations of European expatriates vis-à-vis the European authorities and their home country. (The term expatriate - or European expatriate - is used to describe a European country citizen - or national - residing temporarily or permanently outside his home country, anywhere in the world.

The symposium should in particular discuss the questions of voting rights for expatriates and their democratic representation and all further related rights and obligations of expatriates. The Symposium should formulate recommendations for follow-up with the Member States of the European Union and with the European Institutions.

The symposium is destined to political, governmental and business decision makers, Officials, Associations and Clubs of expatriates, or all concerned by the rights and obligations of expatriates.

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2004

09.00 - 09.45 **Registration of Participants**

09.45 - 10.30 **Opening of the Symposium**

Mr. Enrique Barón Crespo, MEP, President, "The Europeans Throughout the World" - E T T W.

Mr. Roger Briesch, President, European Economic and Social Committee,

Mr. Brian Cowen T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ireland Invited

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 - 11.30 **The European Citizen in and out the European Union**

Keynote lecture : *Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene, Vice President, European Convention, Former Prime Minister of Belgium*

11.30 - 12.10 **Personal Testimonies**

Ambassador Trần Van-Thinh

Mr. Gerard Kearney, an Irish in Dubai

12.10 - 12.40 **Discussion**

12.40 - 14.15 **Lunch**

14.15 - 16.30 **The European Expatriate, which Rights and Obligations?**

Chair: Ambassador Piet Steel,

Head International Relations, Solvay, Brussels

Rapporteur: Mr. Ivo Dubois, Associated Member (A.M.) from The Netherlands

Introduction by the Chair - Professional Diaspora : versatility and mobility

The Thessaloniki Round, Mr. Paschalis Papachristopoulos,
"SAE World Council of the Hellenes Abroad

The Free Movement of European Citizens

Mr Jean-Claude Séché, Vice President, E T T W and ADFE

Presentation of the Comparative Study on

Formal Representations and Voting Rights of Expatriates

Overview of possible models for ensuring civil rights of the expatriates, *Mr.Hans Jørgen Helms, Executive Vice-President, ETTW and Danes Worldwide*

Panel Discussion - *Mrs Riitta Uosukainen, former Speaker of the Finnish Parliament, invited*

Representatives of Member Associations: *Mr. Mario Greco, President, CIM-Belgio; Mrs. Paula Selenius Executive Director, Suomi-Seura; Mrs. Lidi Van Gool, Executive Director, VIW; Mr. Bent Kristiansen, (A.M.), British European Ass. (Denmark)*

General Discussion

16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee Break**

17.00 - 19.00 **Ties between European institutions and the Expatriate European Citizens**

Chair: Mr. Guiseppe Brienza, MEP

Rapporteur: Mr. Rik Decan, President, Vlamingen in de Wereld (VIW)

Introduction by the Chair

The Summit of European Diaspora, Mr. Gregory A. Maniatis,
Greek Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Civil Rights for Expatriates Mme Monique Cerisier-ben Guiga, Member of the French Senate

Panel Discussion: - *Sig.Ra Monica Frassoni, MEP- invited, Mrs Zdravka Bušič, Member of the Parliamentary Ass., Council of Europe, Representatives of Member Associations: Mr. Yves Le Borgn', ADFE; Mr Hughes du Roy de Blicquy, Adm. dél. U.F.B.E, Ms. Tina Strandberg, Secretary of the Finnish Expatriate Parliament; Mr.Dietrich Pause, A.M., Germany*

20.00 **Dinner**

ETTW Board Members, Representatives of all ETTW Member Associations and Associated Members will participate actively throughout the sessions.

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2004

09.00 - 09.20 **The European Prospects**

Commissioner Mr António Vitorino – invited

09.20 - 11.00 **Future Developments on Relations between European Expatriates and European institutions or countries**

Chair: Mr. Pertti Paasio, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Finland, President of "Suomi-Seura - Finns Abroad"

Rapporteur: Mr Dominique de Patoul, U.F.B.E Representative

Introduction by the Chair

New developments in Consulate Protection,

Mr. Alessandro Ianniello, European Commission.

Panel Discussion Speakers and selected participants, Representatives of countries showing significant developments

• "Developments towards e-democracy", by *Mr. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona, President Telecities - invited*

• "The Young Europeans ", *Mr Bernard Mis, Mission Laique Française-MIF*

Mrs Karine Henrotte-Forsberg, "SVIV Swedes Abroad",

Mrs. Isabella Miranda, "Fundacion Ramon Rubial"; Mr. Nicholas

Newman, Treasurer ETTW and " Rights of Britons Abroad";

Mr. Dermot Daly, A.M. from Ireland.

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 - 12.30 **Closing Remarks - The Way Forward**

Presentation of the Findings of the Symposium by the Rapporteurs

Proposals for Further Actions by *Mr Simon-Pierre Nothomb, Secretary General, ETTW*

12.30 - 13.15 **Press Briefing**

END OF THE SYMPOSIUM