

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
WORKSHOP BY THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF COPA:
THE VISIBILITY OF WOMEN'S WORK IN RURAL AREAS
BRUSSELS, 17 & 18 FEBRUARY 2009

Tuesday 17 February 2009

What are the proposals concerning the financial and legal status of the self-employed or aiding spouses in the framework of revising Directive 86/613?

- 1.30 p.m. Welcome
- 2.00 **MEP speech** - Astrid Lulling rapporteur – EP Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Speech from ECOSOC (T.B.C.)
Speech from the European Commission - Fernando Pereira, deputy head of unit on equality and action against discrimination and legal affairs Commission - DG Employment
- 3.30 Break
- 4.00 **Round table discussion:**
Presentation of the legislation on the self-employed and aiding spouses in different countries: Poland, Spain, Ireland, Belgium, Austria
Debate and decision on the draft report.
Preparation of amendments.
- Attached is the communication from the European Commission, the draft report will be discussed on 10 February at the meeting of the EP's Committee on Equal Opportunities. You will receive a copy on 11 February. Our debates and proposed amendments will be based on this report.*
- Request for other possible changes** which go beyond the report.
- 6.00 End of session

Wednesday 18 February 2009
Combining working life, personal life and stereotypes.

9.00 **Speech from the Commission** on Community activities aimed at bringing together working life and family life (Laurent Aujean, Administrator DG Employment).

Services for women in rural areas: finding a replacement, childcare.

Examples of best practices presented by women farmers' organisations in Finland, France (Belgium), Italy and Luxembourg.

We would ask each country participating to supply a list of some examples of best practices.

Reaction and route to adopt for the future: speech by Céline Simonin, political advisor - Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union (COFACE)

10.30 Break

11.00 **Bringing gender into the budget** – Gender budgeting – speech by Mary Collins, political advisor – European Women's Lobby

Comments Nelly Bandarra

Debate with members: how can gender budgeting be applied to the CAP and rural development?

11.30 **Challenging stereotypes:** Presentation of the draft: Break Gender Stereotypes, Give Talent a Chance prepared by OIT (Organisation Internationale du Travail) and Eurochambres, financed by the European Commission speech by Birgit Arens, political advisor –Eurochambres .

Possibilities of transposing this methodology into rural areas.

Debate with members and activities to be undertaken locally.

To enrich the debate we would like to ask for specific examples of activities undertaken in your organisations to challenge stereotypes. We would also like to hear about any stumbling blocks and difficulties encountered when carrying out stereotype-related activities.

1.00 p.m. End