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## Greens/EFA Group highlights

### Agenda 1-5 December 2008

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Greens/EFA Group events and press conferences from 1-5 December include:

- **Tuesday:** Press conference on new study of nuclear energy in France, "Fight against gender stereotypes" conference and EFA press conference on urban development in the Monegros desert, Spain.
- **Wednesday:** Human trafficking (Greens launch of written declaration with "Blue Blindfold" campaign and EFA press conference), informal meeting on arms brokering.
- **Thursday:** EP press conference on climate package negotiations with rapporteurs Turmes and Hassi, Global Europe conference on natural resources (continued on Friday)
- **Friday:** EFA Conference "Water: a global challenge"

#### EU agenda highlights for the Greens/EFA Group European Parliament mini plenary session

- **Berès** report: The future global architecture of global financial markets and EU economic recovery plan (Wednesday)
- **Staes** report: European Court of Auditors special report concerning administrative cooperation in the field of VAT (Wednesday)
- Council statement: Code of conduct for arms (Wednesday)
- Council and Commission statement on Roma (Wednesday)
- Council and Commission statements: state of negotiations on the climate and energy package (Thursday)
- Climate committee vote on **Florenz** report (concluding the committee's work)
- Formal sitting: **Dalai Lama** (Thursday)

#### Trilogue negotiations

- Emissions Trading Scheme, CCS (Monday)
  - Effort Sharing (Wednesday)
  - Renewables directive (Wednesday)
  - Car CO2 emissions (TBC)
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## Environment Council

- Meeting following trilogue negotiations (Thursday-Friday)

### Greens events and press conferences

#### Press conference: New study "Nuclear energy in France - beyond the myth"

**Tuesday, 2 December 2008 , 10.30-11.00**

*Room PHS0 A50, European Parliament, Brussels* >Green MEPs **Rebecca Harms**, **Marie Anne Isler Béguin** and study author **Mycle Schneider** present findings that highlight little known implications of nuclear energy in France and dispel the myth that nuclear power is the answer to energy independence or climate protection.

#### Conference: The European Investment Bank in Africa

**Tuesday, 2 December 2008 , 18.30-20.00**

*Maison des parlementaires, 21 rue du Louvain, Brussels*

>Greens/EFA MEP **Marie Hélène Aubert** opens this conference, which reveals the negative social and environmental impacts of certain projects financed by the European Investment Bank in Africa.

#### Conference: Fight against gender stereotypes: a new role for women in society

**Tuesday, 2 December 2008 , 18.30-20.00**

*Room ASP5 E2, European Parliament, Brussels*

>Greens/EFA Co-president **Monica Frassoni** hosts this conference, with guest European Commissioner for Equal Opportunities **Vladimir Špidla**. The Arcidonna Association will present Monica Frassoni and Vladimir Špidla with customised bicycles from their info campaign.

#### Written declaration launch: Human trafficking

**Wednesday, 3 December 14.00-14.45**

*PHS ground floor reception area, European Parliament, Brussels*

>MEPs including UK Green **Jean Lambert** will launch a written declaration on human trafficking, with the participation of UK and Irish anti-trafficking police representatives. Photo opportunity: MEPs will wear a blue blindfold, symbol of the campaign of that name. Further information on the Blue Blindfold website.

#### Informal meeting: Arms brokering

**Wednesday, 3 December 10.00-11.00**

*Room 8H232, European Parliament, Brussels*

>Green MEPs **Raül Romeva** and **Angelika Beer** host this informal meeting to discuss the recent Stockholm International Peace Research Institute report on "stemming destabilising arms transfers", together with author **Hugh Griffiths**. Please confirm participation to [ernst.guelcher@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:ernst.guelcher@europarl.europa.eu)

#### Press Conference: Climate package negotiations

**Thursday, 4 December, directly after the plenary debate**

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*Room PHS0 A50, European Parliament, Brussels*

>Following the debate in plenary, Greens/EFA MEPs **Claude Turmes** and **Satu Hassi** participate in a European Parliament press conference together with the other EP climate package rapporteurs.

**Conference: Global Europe - Living beyond its resources**

**Thursday, 4 December 10.30-19.30 - Friday, 5 December 2008 09.30-13.00**

*Room ASP3 G2, European Parliament, Brussels*

>Co-organised by Greens/EFA and other political groups, this conference will highlight the unsustainable use of natural resources. With the participation of Green MEPs **Caroline Lucas**, **Pierre Jonckheer** and Development Commissioner **Louis Michel**.

**EFA events and press conferences**

**Press conference: The monegros desert: a second Las Vegas?**

**Tuesday, 2 December 2008 , 10.30**

*"Salle cristale", PHS0 B1, European Parliament, Brussels*

>A spotlight on protection against a possible urban development near Zaragoza, with EFA MEP **Mikel Irujo** and **Miguel Martinez Tomey** from the Chunta Aragonista party. **Press conference: Campaign against human trafficking**

**Wednesday, 3 December 2008, 10.30-11.00**

*Room PHS0 A50, European Parliament, Brussels*

>EFA MEP **Mikel Irujo** will be joined by leading Argentine anti-trafficking activist **Susana Trimarco**.

**Conference: Water - a global challenge**

**Friday, 5 December 2008 , 12.00-14.00**

*Room ASP3 E3, European Parliament, Brussels*

>Hosted by EFA MEP **Mikel Irujo**, with guests from the UN, European Commission and local government.

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