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The Ulysses Conference

Relaunching European integration from the periphery

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THE ULYSSES CONFERENCE

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT – BRUSSELS

12th -13th November

PHS Building, P4 B001 [12th] / P3 C050 [13th]

PROGRAMME

Monday, 12th of November, PHS 4B001

14:15 Buffet lunch 15:00

I - Introduction - What is the Ulysses Project?

Rui Tavares, Member of the European Parliament, Portugal

II - 10 years of crisis - The cases of Greece, Portugal, Ireland, Italy and Spain

Speakers:

- **Savvas Rompolis**, Director of the Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek workers, Greece
- **Eugenia Pires**, Economist, SOAS University of London, Portugal
- **Pasqualina Napoletano**, former MEP / Sinistra Ecologia Libertà, Italy
- **Joaquin Nieto**, Director of ILO Office, Spain

Debate 16:30 Coffee break 17:00 - 18:30

III - 10 years to relaunch Europe

1. *Regional development in the Great Depression: the Tennessee Valley Authority* **Rui Tavares**, Member of the European Parliament, Portugal 2. *A Green transition* **Nikos Chrysogelos**, Member of the European Parliament, Greece 3. *Cohesion: EU's lost pillar* **Stuart Holland**, University of Coimbra, UK Debate

Tuesday, 13th of November, PHS 3C050

09:00

IV - Working sessions

1. *Development, welfare, social cohesion*, with: **Nikitas Kanakis**, President of Medecins du Monde, Greece

Sandro Mendonça, ISCTE, Portugal 2. *Governance, transparency and justice* **Pedro Bacelar de Vasconcelos**, University of Minho, Portugal

Grigoris Tsaltas, Dean of Panteion University, Greece 3. *Democracy, civil society and participation*

Eleni Takou, Hellenic League for human rights, Greece

Joana Gomes Cardoso, Amnesty International, Portugal

Giovanni Melogli, International Alliance of Journalists, Italy Debate 11:00 Coffee break 11:30

V - Ulysses Project: The Network, A development model, The Campaign

- **Raul Romeva**
- **Nikos Chrysogelos**
- **Rui Tavares**

Debate 13:00 Closing hour 13:15 Buffet Lunch

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