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Brussels Agenda

Greens/EFA Priorities for 30 November - 4 December 2009

The Greens/European Free Alliance Group's priorities and events for this week include:

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Monday:
An announcement is expected from the Justice and Home Affairs Council regarding an EU-USA bank data transfer agreement, amid strong objections from the European parliament: http://www.greens-efa.org/cms/pressreleases/dok/316/316603.euusa@en.htm

Candidates for the European Ombudsman position (currently held by Nikofouros Diamandouros) will have hearings in the EP petitions committee.

Tuesday:
The Lisbon Treaty comes into force.

Wednesday:
Newly-appointed EU foreign affairs high-representative Catherine Ashton will have a discussion in the EP foreign affairs committee.

Friday:
Security of gas supply will be a key issue at the EU-Ukraine summit.

Greens/EFA events

Breakfast debate - EU external fisheries policy
Tuesday, 1 December 2009, 08.00-09.00
Members Salon, European Parliament, Brussels
> Journalists are invited to this breakfast debate hosted by Green MEP **Isabella Lovin**, which will count on the participation of DG MARE Director-General **Fokion Fotiadis**, other Commission officials and Member State national representation officials, as well as six other MEPs and NGO representatives. The debate will focus on fisheries partnership agreements, which cost ⊠150 million per year and are blighted

by numerous problems.

Seminar - How to get REDD right?
Wednesday, 2 December 2009, 15.00-18.00
PHS 7C50, European Parliament, Brussels
> REDD stands for Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, a critical element in the fight against climate change. This cross-party event, with the participation of Green MEPs **Catherine Grèze** and **Ska Keller**, will look at livelihoods, ecosystem services and biodiversity.

Round table - Fight against poverty and social exclusion
Wednesday, 2 December, 12.45-14.15
PHS 1C47, European Parliament, Brussels
> Ahead of next year's European Year on the topic, UK Green MEP **Jean Lambert** hosts this discussion on poverty and social exclusion, focusing in particular on the need for "decent work and quality jobs" in Europe. S&D MEP **Pervenche Berès** and NGO **SOLIDAR** will participate.
Register at: events@solidar.org

Launch event - Smart move (buses and coaches in Europe)
Wednesday, 2 December, 18.30-21.00
Members salon, ASP Ground Floor, European Parliament, Brussels
> Buses can help cut use of individual vehicles and coaches can also play a role in cutting CO_2 in routes where trains are unavailable. A launch reception of "Smart Move", hosted by **Michael Cramer**, will provide an opportunity to find out more.

Seminar - Russian nuclear expansion and climate change
Thursday, 3 December, 13.00-15.00
Room A1E3, European Parliament, Brussels
> Green MEPs **Rebecca Harms** and **Bart Staes**, together with Sirpa Pietikainen, co-host this event with guest speakers **Hussein Chechenov**, **Vladimir Kuznetsov** and **Alexander Nikitin** who will lend their expertise on nuclear safety and environmental considerations.

Lunchtime debate - Ilisu Dam Project in Turkey
Thursday, 3 December, 13.00-14.30
Members Salon, ASP Ground Floor, European Parliament, Brussels
> The Ilisu Dam Project in eastern Turkey is among the most controversial in the world. Green MEPs **Hélène Flautre** and **Eva Lichtenberger** will be among those present to debate the EU's role in ensuring international standards are respected.

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