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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:

#### Greens/EFA priorities

##### 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](mailto: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 CO2 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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