

A better Europe now

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European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels, Room JDE 51

14:00-14:10 **Welcome**
Jane Morrice, Vice-president of the European Economic and Social Committee

14:10-14:30 **Introduction:** *Who the Spring Alliance represents and why this Manifesto*

Heather Roy, President of Social Platform Jeremy Wates, Secretary General of EEB
Jozef Niemiec, ETUC Deputy General Seamus Jeffreson, Director of CONCORD
Secretary

14:30-16:00 **Panel debate on the Spring Alliance six priorities:**
Which of our six key priorities will you tick?

- *Ensure transparency and stronger democratic accountability of the EU institutions towards citizens*
- *Reduce poverty and guarantee universal social protection*
- *Invest into a European plan that focuses on sustainable jobs which create social value, rather than on financial profits*
- *Significantly reduce Europe's environmental footprint by putting in place effective policies in the areas of climate, energy efficiency, renewables, biodiversity, air quality, chemicals and waste and product design*
- *Implement a coherent global justice policy: stop resource grabbing, allow other continents to develop themselves and refrain from bilateral trade and investment deals which undermine the protection of public interests*
- *End austerity and implement tax justice*

Moderator: **Simon Wilson**

Speakers:

Hannes Swoboda, President of the S&D Political Group
Olle Schmidt, Vice-President of the ALDE Political Group
Jean Lambert, Greens' representative
Fabio Amato, European Left's representative
Eva Majewski, EPP's representative
Heather Roy, President of Social Platform
Bernadette Ségol, ETUC General Secretary
Jeremy Wates, Secretary General of EEB
Seamus Jeffreson, Director of CONCORD

16:00-16:25 **Debate with the audience**

16:25-16:30 **Conclusions**
Georgios Dassis, President of the EESC Workers' Group (Group II)

16:30-17:30 **Cocktail**



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