

# **Hearing - Working Time in Europe**

**2 February 2011 at 9.00 - 12.00 Room A1G2**

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## **Draft Programme**

Opening by **Thomas Händel** (GUE/NGL), Member of the EMPL committee

9.00 -9.10

Introduction by **László Andor** Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Inclusion

9.10 - 9.30

**Alejandro Cercas** (S&D),  
Member of the EMPL committee and Rapporteur on the revision of the Work Time Directive  
(WTD) in the last legislature  
*Report about the legislative process and expectations to the new one*

9.30 - 9.35

**Thomas Händel** (GUE/NGL),  
Member of the EMPL committee,  
*Why such a study, what are the experiences of the trade unions and what the economic  
implications*

9.35-10.10

**Steffen Lehndorff**, University of Duisburg-Essen,  
*Main results of the study about the development of working time in Europe and the role  
of the WTD*

10.10.-10.35

**Jozef Niemiec**, ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation)  
*The second consultation of the Social Dialogue, role and importance of the WTD for workers  
in Europe, claims of the employers and the position of ETUC*

10.35-11.00

**Helga Schwitzer**, IG Metall (Germany)  
Member of the executive committee, responsible for collective bargaining policies  
*Will the revision of the European Working Time Directive have an impact on our tariff policy?  
Could it be used by trade unionists for a new debate on working time?*

11.00-11.25

**Emilie Turunen**, (Vert/ALE)  
Member of the EMPL committee  
*Perspectives on working time of the Nordic countries and Youth*

11.25-11.50

Discussion and interventions from the floor

11.50 - 11.55

Conclusions: **Thomas Händel**



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European United Left/Nordic Green Left