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EPP GROUP INTERCULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Conference

The next day in Syria:

“Humanitarian exceptions to EU sanctions against Syria: why they don’t work out?”

Wednesday, 11 November 2020

16:30 – 18:00 hrs.

via WebEx¹

Programme

16:30-16:40 Welcoming address

- **Fr. Manuel Barrios Prieto**, General Secretary, Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU (COMECE)
- **György Hölvényi** MEP, Co-Chairman of the Working Group on Intercultural and Religious Dialogue
- **Jan Olbrycht** MEP, Co-Chairman of the Working Group on Intercultural and Religious Dialogue

The impact of sanctions in Syria

16:40-17:00 Views from the European Parliament and European Commission

- ⌋ **Željana Zovko** MEP, EPP Group Deputy Coordinator in AFET Committee
- ⌋ **Roberto Crespi**, Expert for the humanitarian impact of sanctions, in charge of the Syria sanctions, Directorate Financial systems and crisis management, European Commission DG FISMA

17:00-17:30 Views from the Churches and NGO actors

- ⌋ **Thomas Heine-Geldern**, Executive President of Aid to the Church in Need International (on behalf of COMECE)
- ⌋ **Rev. Riad Jarjour**, Protestant Syrian pastor, Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue (FDCD), Beirut, Lebanon (on behalf of CEC)
- ⌋ **Fr. Moses Alkhassi**, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch (on behalf of CROCEU)

17:30-17:50 Questions and Answers

Moderator: **Dr. Jørgen Skov Sørensen**, General Secretary, Conference of European Churches (CEC)

17:50-18:00 Concluding remarks

- **György Hölvényi** MEP, Co-Chairman of the Working Group on Intercultural and Religious Dialogue
- **Jan Olbrycht** MEP, Co-Chairman of the Working Group on Intercultural and Religious Dialogue
- **Fr Aimilianos Bogiannou**, Head of the Liaison Office of the Orthodox Church to the EU (on behalf of CROCEU)

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