



Social Inclusion Regional Group



Launching 2012 SIRG - Regions for active ageing!

21 September 2011 – 09.30h – 13.00h

Liaison agency Flanders-Europe - Kortenberglaan 71, 1000 Brussel

The 2010 Social Inclusion Regional Group (2010 SIRG) was established in 2009 as a regional and local response to the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. 2010 SIRG was set up as a transnational coalition of regional and local actors who wanted to respond proactively to the opportunities provided by the European Year.

This event will launch the 2012 SIRG as a response to the 2012 European year on active ageing and solidarity between generation and as a way to proactively engage in European policy.

The participating regions will present how they will work throughout the year 2012 to focus on four selected priorities that are key to promoting and attaining active ageing: independent living, active contribution and social inclusion, health and prevention, social innovation and care.

The launch event will kick off a year of increased participation between regions and policymakers on all levels.

The conference will showcase some examples of regional projects and initiatives that are tackling the challenges elderly envisage today and will call upon all regions to actively participate in the future events. The participants will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and narrow or widen the content of the future events.



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Programme:

09.30h – 09.50h: Registration and coffee

09.50h – 10.00h: Welcome by Jan Buysse, director of Liaison agency Flanders-Europe

10.00h – 10.20h: Ralph Jacob, European Commission, DG EMPL (Head of Unit on active ageing, pensions, healthcare and social services)

10.20h – 10.40h: Martin Kastler- European Parliament, rapporteur for European year 2012

10.40h – 11.00h: Arnoldas Abramavicius, Committee of the Regions, President of ECOS Commission

11.00h – 11.20h: coffee break

11.20h – 12.20h: Launch of the 2012 SIRG

- independent living - best practice and rationale

- active contribution and social inclusion

- health and prevention

- social innovation in care - best practice and rationale

12.20h – 12.45h: discussion

12.45h: Lunch and networking moment



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