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morning

- 9.30 WELCOME ADRESSES
Horst Fischer, *EIUC President*
Engelbert Theuermann, *President of the CoHom*
- 10.00 THE 'ACQUIS' OF THE EU IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL POLICIES
Lieve Franssen, *EU Commission, DG Employment - Europe 2020: Social Policies*
- 10.20 THE EU EXTERNAL POLICY IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS: THE CASE OF LABOUR RIGHTS WITHIN THE COTONOU FRAMEWORK
Jeffrey Kenner, *University of Nottingham*
- 10.40 ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN THE TIME OF ECONOMIC CRISIS – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONFRONTING THE EU EXTERNAL ACTION
Ignacio Saiz, *Centre for Economic and Social Rights*
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.20 CHALLENGES IN THE MONITORING OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER
Régis Brillat, *European Social Charter - Council of Europe*
- 11.40 CHALLENGES FACED BY THE UN (COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL), INCLUDING THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO ICESCR
Christian Courtis, *UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights*
- 12.00 GENERAL DISCUSSION
- 13.00 Lunch at Restaurant Nicely by the Nicelli Airport

afternoon

- 14.30 FOR A MORE COHERENT EU POLICY IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

WORKING GROUPS:

1. Combating poverty and exclusion (social protection, health, education) and EU policies
Moderator: Alessandro Valdambri, *EU Commission, DG for Development and Cooperation EuropeAid – Governance, Democracy, Gender and Human Rights*
Introducing: Wiktor Osiatynski, *Central European University*
 2. Key elements of an EU approach to economic, social and cultural rights
Moderator: Christian Behrmann, *EEAS HR Policy Instruments Division*
Introducing: Frederico Nascimento, *Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
 3. Green economy at Rio+20 and economic, social and cultural rights – consequences for the EU policies
Moderator: Christian Courtis, *UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights*
Introducing: Oliver Greenfield, *Green Economy Coalition*
- 16.30 PLENARY SESSION : GENERAL DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Engelbert Theuermann, *President of the CoHom*
- 17.30 End of conference

The Conference coincides with the day of the Redentore Festival in Venice and will conclude with a viewing of the spectacular fireworks over the Venice lagoon.