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INVITATION

SMEs and Family Welfare: a challenge for the future of Europe

European Parliament, Brussels

Tuesday, 21 January 2020, 8:00 – 9:30

According to a white paper prepared by a joint group of researchers, with the support of the SALLUX Foundation, “*Short-terminism is destroying values in our economy (Martin, 2015) and is undermining efforts to implement sustainable development policies (Lehner et al. 2016). Families have always trained their members to reach out for the long-term perspective, to think about in terms of generations cycles and to foresee beyond one’s own life horizon. On the other hand, there exists evidence that family troubles and brake-downs predict both higher risk taking and higher future time discounting (Hill et al 2008) in children*”.

This breakfast meeting is built on these foundations, from the specific perspective of SMEs and with a focus on **corporate welfare services**, which can be considered as a new form of compensation, convenient for enterprises, for employees and for the society at large.

Nevertheless, these services are often unaffordable for SMEs and represent a real burden on a short-term economic perspective. Here is where public policies and the sharing of best practices at the EU level can offer solutions: in the midst of a concerning **demographic change**, this exchange becomes fundamental for the future of our Continent. One month after the official start of the new European Commission, this is an excellent occasion to speak with clarity about these concrete challenges.

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8.00 - 8.10

Opening address:

Lukas Mandl, MEP (EPP, Austria)

8.10 - 8.20

Introductory remarks:

Vincenzo Bassi, FAFCE President

8.20 - 8.30

Key-note speech:

Paul Dembinski, University of Freiburg

8.30 – 9.20

Exchange of views with the participation of:

Clotilde Armand, MEP (RE, Romania)

Helmut Geuking, MEP (ECR, Germany)

Patrizia Toia, MEP (S&D, Italy)

European Commission Representative - TBC

9.20 – 9.30

Final remarks

Johannes de Jong, Sallux Director

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