



CONFERENCE

PSYCHOLOGY – a Contribution to EU Policy Making *Known to few, good for many*

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

European Parliament Brussels
Altiero Spinelli building 1 G 3
60, rue Wiertz / Wiertzstraat 60 - B-1047 Bruxelles/Brussel
Belgium

Hosted by MEP Leonidas DONSKIS, MEP Nadja HIRSCH and MEP Vilja SAVISAAR-TOOMAST

Organised by the European Federation of Psychologists Associations EFPA
with the support of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

Background information

The aim of the conference is to provide Members of the European Parliament, officials from the European Commission, and representatives of other European organizations with up-to-date information on psychology and what it can offer to European society.

The event should give attendants a view of what present-day psychology can contribute in areas such as health, education, work, community, and traffic. It should make clear how psychologists with expertise in these areas can effectively work together in preventing mental illness and social conflict, and in promoting life-long learning, social inclusion, and economic growth and innovation. We hope that the conference will help to establish a dialogue that will allow psychology to contribute to European policy-making in the future.

The conference will start with an opening by MEP Prof. Leonidas Donskis and a short presentation on behalf of Gyula HEGYI from the European Commission DG EMPL. Next, there will be a presentation with an overview of psychology's possible contributions to European policy-making, and four short presentations on selected topics that are of special relevance for European policy-making. Psychological experts from all over Europe will be present to give supplementary statements and answer questions. The conference will be concluded with closing remarks by MEP Vilja Savisaar-Toomast.

Participants will also receive an information package, documenting a wide range of psychological projects and interventions.

Program

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 : 13.00 – 17.15

The conference will be chaired by
Prof. dr. Ingrid Lunt (UK) and Tuomo Tikkanen (Finland)

- 13.00 **REGISTRATION AND SANDWICH LUNCH**
- 14.00 **OPENING SESSION**
Welcome by MEP Prof. dr. Leonidas Donskis
Psychology in EU policy-making today
Mr. Gyula Hegyi - European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and
Inclusion
- 14.30 **Psychology for Europe**
Prof. dr. Robert Roe, Maastricht – EFPA
- Supplementary statements by experts**
- 15.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 15.45 **Reducing the burden of mental illness**
Mag. Ulla Konrad, Vienna
- 16.00 **As early as possible: what school psychologists can contribute to well-being, life-
long learning, and economy**
Mrs. Marianne Kant-Schaps, Brussels
- 16.15 **Sustainable well-being at work**
Prof. dr. José-Maria Peiró, Valencia
- 16.30 **Behavior change in pandemic flu and obesity**
Prof. dr. Susan Michie, London
- 16.45 **QUESTION ROUND**
- 17.10 **Closing remarks**
MEP Vilja Savisaar-Toomast
- 17.15 **CLOSE**

Practical information

MEETING VENUE

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ENTRANCE

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REGISTRATION



We will welcome all participants who require a badge at the main entrance of the European Parliament in the [Altiero Spinelli building](#) at 13.00.

Delegates will be taken to the Meeting Room 1 G 3 in the same building between 13.00 and 13.30. Please remember to bring your ID/passport when registering.

HOW TO GET TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Train

The three main Brussels railway stations - Brussels Midi, Brussels Central and Brussels Nord - are connected to the railway station Brussels Luxembourg, which is located 200 metres from the European Parliament.

[SNCB NMBS](#)

By bus or underground

The Société des Transports Intercommunaux de Bruxelles (STIB) is the main public transport operator in Brussels. STIB trams, buses and metros form one network and you can switch easily from one to another using the same ticket.

[STIB](#)

Bus

Buses 27 and 38 run from the city centre to Place Luxembourg

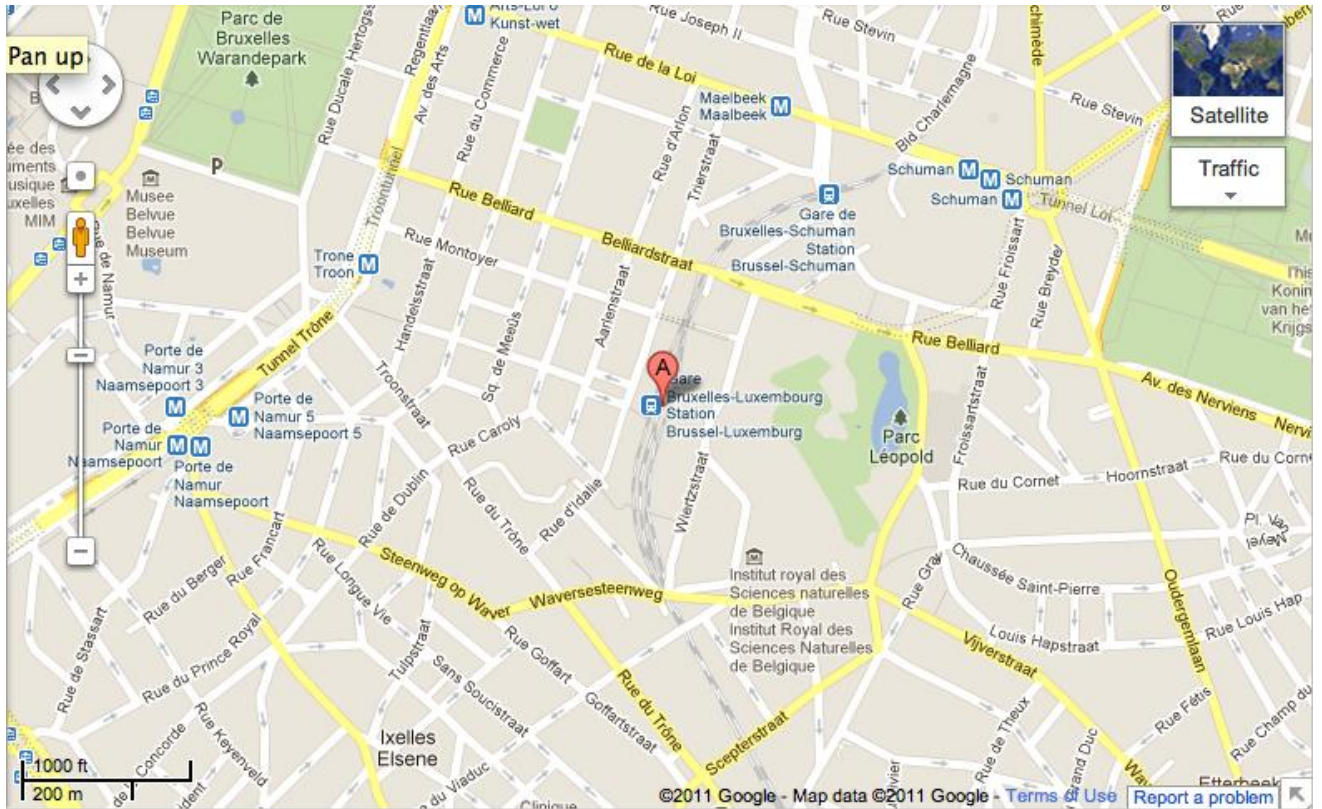
Buses 12 and 21 run from Brussels International Airport to Place Luxembourg

Underground

Lines 1 and 5 to Maelbeek and Schuman (10 minute walk to the Parliament)

Lines 2 and 6 to Trône (7 minute walk to the Parliament)

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