INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday 24 January 2018, 12:00-13:30
Yehudi Menuhin Hall, European Parliament
BOOK PRESENTATION

A History of Christianity

BY
Prof. DIARMUID MacCulloch
Oxford University

DISCUSSANT
VINCENT DEPAIGNE
Arche 17 Coordinators,
European Commission

HOSTED BY
MAIREAD McGUINNESS
First Vice-President of the European Parliament

@ Library ASP 05D
Wednesday 28 March 2018
12:00 - 14:30
Discrimination and Persecution of Non-believers around the world

Wednesday 11 April 2018
15.00 - 18.00 @ PH5 5801

Hosted by:
Antonio Tajani
President, EP
European Parliament

Mairead McGuinness
Vice-President for Values, with Religious and Non-Confessional Organisations

European Parliament
RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND PLURALISM: MIGRATION AND MINORITIES

TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2018
17:00 - 18:30
LIBRARY READING ROOM
ALTIERO SPINELLI BUILDING, ASP D, FIFTH FLOOR

Speakers

- Mairead McGuinness, MEP
  First Vice President of the European Parliament

- Neha Sahgal
  Associate Director of Research, Pew Research Center

- Alan Cooperman
  Director of Religion Research, Pew Research Center

- Martina Prpic
  Policy Analyst, Citizens’ Policies Unit, EPRS
Implementing the European Social Pillar: The Role of Churches and Religions

Tuesday 26 June 2018
13:00 > 18:00 @ PHIS 5B01

Hosted by:
Antonio Tajani
President of the European Parliament
Margreet McGimmes
Vice-President of the European Parliament for Relations with Religions and Non-Confessional Organisations
FILM SCREENING

LATIFA
LE CŒUR AU COMBAT

TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 18:00 - 20:30
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - Room: PH5 6B01

Under the patronage and in the presence of
MAIREAD McGUINNESS MEP
First Vice-President of the European Parliament

Guest of Honour
MRS. LATIFA IBN ZIATEN
Religion and Human Rights within the EU
A Shared Responsibility

Tuesday 4 December 2018
15:00 > 18:00 @ PHS 5B01
MEETINGS, VISITS
DURING 2018

Meeting with delegation of Algerian Protestant Church pastors to discuss religious freedom restrictions in Algeria

Opening the annual Rosh Hashana Jewish New Year celebration at the European Parliament

Meeting with Elder Massimo De Feo, Europe area President of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Meeting with the Maronite Archbishop of Aleppo

www.europarl.europa.eu/article-17-dialogue
www.flickr.com/photos/br17feu
Welcoming group of Mormon university students to the European Parliament

Annual FRA Human Rights Forum, Vienna: Moderating panel on religion and human rights

Meeting with Mrs Latifa Ibn Zieten, mother of French soldier killed by ISIS

Representing Parliament at event in Grand Synagogue of Europe to mark 210th anniversary of the Jewish Consistory of Belgium

Opening speech at European Economic and Social Committee Article 17 conference: The future of Work

Welcoming delegation from the Conference of European Churches to the European Parliament to hand over their “Christmas Charter for Migrants”
Article 17 TFEU: The EU institutions’ dialogue with churches, religious and philosophical organisations

SUMMARY

On the basis of Article 17 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the European institutions hold high-level meetings, or working dialogue seminars, on an annual basis with churches and non-confessional and philosophical organisations. This dialogue, focused on issues upon the European agenda, can be traced back to earlier initiatives, such as that launched in 1994 by Jacques Delors – ‘A Soul for Europe’ – which opened the way to encompass ethical and spiritual aspects of European integration. The draft Constitutional Treaty of 2004 included provisions on regular, open and transparent dialogue between EU institutions, representatives of churches and religious communities, and of non-confessional or philosophical communities. Although the Constitutional Treaty was rejected in French and Dutch referenda, its successor, the Lisbon Treaty adopted in 2007 and in force since December 2009, preserved the same provisions in Article 17 TFEU.

The European Parliament has adopted numerous resolutions in defence of the principles of freedom of religion and belief as well as religious pluralism and tolerance, and stressed the importance of constant dialogue among, and with, religious as well as non-confessional and philosophical communities. It has regularly organised dialogue sessions within the framework of Article 17 TFEU on subjects of interest for the EU and its citizens. This is a further updated version of a briefing published in January 2018.
Faith-based actors and the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights

SUMMARY

The European Pillar of Social Rights is based on the right to work and the right to social protection. It is aimed at ensuring social rights for all citizens, regardless of their religious or cultural background. The European Parliament has been active in promoting the implementation of the Pillar, including through the adoption of resolutions and the establishment of partnerships with religious organizations. The Pillar aims to promote a fair and just society, and to ensure that everyone has access to education, healthcare, and social protection.

In this Briefing

> What is the European Pillar of Social Rights?
> Implementing the Pillar for Social Rights
> What are Faith-based organisations?
> Faith-based organisations and the Social Pillar
> Challenges and opportunities

The European Union and Holocaust

SUMMARY

The Holocaust refers to the mass murder of six million European Jews, and others, persecuted groups who had lived under the Nazi regime. The European Parliament has been active in commemorating the Holocaust and promoting education on the topic. The European Union has passed a number of laws to prevent and combat anti-Semitism, and to promote tolerance and respect for human rights.

In this Briefing

> The Holocaust and its legacy
> Holocaust Remembrance Day
> The European Union and the Holocaust
> The European Parliament and the Holocaust

Religion and human rights

SUMMARY

Although the EU is a secular society, freedom of religion is a fundamental right. The EU has adopted a number of laws to protect the rights of religious minorities, and to ensure that they can practice their faith without discrimination. The EU has also supported international efforts to promote human rights and religious freedom.

In this Briefing

> Freedom of religion and belief: human rights
> The role of religion in European societies
> Religion and human rights in the EU
> The legal landscape in the EU

Freedom of conscience around the world

SUMMARY

The World Freedom of Conscience Day is observed on December 10th, and is a day to remember the importance of freedom of conscience. The European Union has supported the right of individuals to practice their faith, and has taken action to combat forms of discrimination in Europe. The EU has also supported efforts to promote freedom of conscience around the world, and to ensure that everyone has the right to practice their religion without fear of discrimination.

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“The Union respects and does not prejudice the status under national law of churches and religious associations or communities in the Member States.

The Union equally respects the status under national law of philosophical and non-confessional organisations.

Recognising their identity and their specific contribution, the Union shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with these churches and organisations.

ART 17 TFEU”