

## Invitation to the ROUND TABLE

### DESIGNING A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD POLICY

**Venue: European Parliament | A3H1**

**Date: 10 December 2014**

In the aftermath of the uprisings, the EU offered its Southern Mediterranean partner countries “A partnership for democracy and shared prosperity” in the context of the revised European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) that focused on democratic transformation, a partnership with people and civil society, and sustainable and inclusive growth. Despite high expectations, after more than two years the revolutions have thus far been unable to produce consolidated and stable democracies. The inauguration of a new leadership of the European Union provides an opportunity to rethink the EU relations with the Southern Neighborhood.

With this background, the Round Table will highlight:

- The ENP as a tool to promote an “enabling environment” for Civil Society Dialogue;
- The need to establish a comprehensive vision to promote Social Rights and Social Protection through the ENP.
- The ENP in situation of conflict.

The Round Table will be hosted by MEP Andrej Plenkovic (EPP), the Vice- Chair of the Committee of Foreign affairs (AFET).

A delegation of partners from the Middle East and North Africa region will share with us the challenges and the opportunities they see to design a new European Neighborhood Policy!

#### Program

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18.00-18.10	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maurice Claassens, Senior Coordinator SOLIDAR</li> </ul>
18:10 -18:20	<b>Keynote Openings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inés Ayala Sender, MEP S&amp;D Group.</li> <li>• Sabina R. Stadler, Deputy Head of Division European Neighbourhood Policy Division European External Action Service (EEAS).</li> </ul>
18.20-19:00	<b>Contributions from the MENA region</b> <p><i>The ENP as a tool to promote an enabling environment for civil society dialogue.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ibrahim Makram, ANND Delegate from Egypt</li> </ul> <p><i>Establish a strategic and comprehensive vision to advance the ENP in promoting Social Rights and Social Protection in the MENA region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slaheddine Al Jourchi, ANND Delegate from Tunisia</li> <li>• Rachid Malaoui, President of SNAPAP and CGATA from Algeria</li> </ul> <p><i>ENP in the situation of conflict</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samir Aita-ANND Delegate from Syria</li> </ul>
19:00- 19:30	<b>Dialogue with Members of Parliament</b> <p><i>Confirmed Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antonio Panzeri (MEP, S&amp;D Group)</li> <li>• Michela Giuffrida (MEP, S&amp;D)</li> <li>• Ayala Sender (MEP, S&amp;D)</li> <li>• Brando Benifei (MEP, S&amp;D Group)</li> </ul>

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19:30-19:50	<p><b>Reflections from European CSOs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vincent Forest, Advocacy Director Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network</li> <li>• Simone Susskind, President Actions in the Mediterranean</li> <li>• Antonella Valmorbida, Secretary General ALDA- The European Association for Local Democracy</li> </ul>
19:50-20:00	<p><b>Wrap up and Conclusions</b>                  Ziad Abdel Samad, Director ANND</p>

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