

Invitation to the ROUND TABLE

**EU TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY: BETWEEN Development GOALS AND ACCESS TO DEVELOPING MARKETS**

**Venue: European Parliament | A3H1**  
**Date: 10 December 2014**

Even with the changing contexts on both shores of the Mediterranean, the EU remains the biggest economic partner of the Arab Region. One of the EU’s policy strategies towards the Southern Mediterranean is the creation of a deepened Euro-Med Free Trade Area that aims at removing trade barriers between both shores of the Mediterranean. To that end, under the Deauville Partnership, the European Council agreed to negotiate Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements (DCFTAs) with four Arab countries in transition – Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia- as a tool for economic growth and investment attraction in the Southern Mediterranean region

With this background, the **Round Table “EU trade and Investment Policy: Between Development Goals and Access to Developing Markets”** will focus on:

- Trade and Investment and the role of the private sector: rethinking investment protection.
- Tax policies: a tool of redistribution.
- Inequalities arising from trade and investment agreements.

CSOs from the Middle East and North Africa region and member of the European Parliament will share the challenges and the opportunities they see to develop and implement an inclusive and equitable Trade and Investment policy in the Southern Mediterranean!

**Program**

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9.00-9.15	<p><b>Opening and Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ziad Abdel Samad, Director ANND</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Olivier Consolo, Freelance Activist</i></p>
9.15-9.45	<p><b>Keynote opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jorg Leichtfried, Vice-President S&amp;D Group</li> <li>• Colette Seyler, DG TRADE- Coordinator of bilateral trade relations with Morocco, Israel and Palestine and of EU-Morocco DCFTA negotiations (TBC)</li> </ul>
9.45-10.30	<p><b>Contributions from the Middle East and North Africa</b></p> <p>Trade and Investment and the role of the private sector: rethinking investment protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larabi Ljaidi, ANND Delegate from Morocco</li> </ul> <p>Tax policies: a tool of redistribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feras Jaber, ANND Delegate from Palestine</li> <li>• Rachid Malaoui, President of SNAPAP and CGATA from Algeria.</li> </ul> <p>Inequalities arising from Trade and Investment agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ahmad Awad, ANND Delegate from Jordan</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:20	<p><b>Dialogue with Members of Parliament</b></p> <p><i>Confirmed Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Klaus Buchner (MEP, The Greens)</li> <li>• Enrique Guerrero Salom (MEP, S&amp;D)</li> <li>• Anne-Marie Mineur (MEP, GUE)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elly Schlein (MEP, S&amp;D)</li> </ul> <p><i>To be confirmed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teresa Rodriguez-Rubio (MEP, GUE)</li> <li>• Patrick Le Hyaric (MEP, GUE)</li> </ul>
11:20 – 11:45	<p><b>Reflections by European CSOs</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Jenkins, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</li> <li>• Anelia Stefanova, Program Director CEE Bankwatch Network</li> <li>• Gaelle Du Sepulchre, FIDH</li> </ul>
11:45-12:00	<p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conny Reuter, Secretary General SOLIDAR</li> </ul>

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