

My!Europe: conference in the Netherlands

Conference centre Kontakt der Kontinenten/ Soesterberg 26 - 30 October 2016

"The Netherlands in Europe: leading country or querulous nation?"

Is that what we want, a European crisis, with an uncertain perspective? Probably not!

But also in the Netherlands more and more dissentients are heard.

And what about the future of our children and grandchildren?

Is a more social Europe possible?

This Sonnenberg conference is the second last one in a series of meetings in seven European countries related to the My!Europe project (myeurope.today)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 26 - 10 - 2016

17.00 h	arrival
18.00 h	dinner
19.30 - 22.00 h	opening: who is who? organizational matters. Introduction My! Europe project Conference expectations Conference chairs / Ole Aabenus

Thursday 27 - 10 - 2016

9.15 - 12.15 h

Leading country or querulous nation?

Years of construction, enthusiasm, 71 years of peace

Mrs Marja Quillinan-Meiland - "House of Europe" The Hague

The House of Europe is situated in The Hague, close to the Dutch Parliament. It hosts both the Dutch information centre of the European Parliament and the official representation of the European Commission.

After completing translation studies in Amsterdam, Marja Quillinan-Meiland worked with the European Commission, initially in its Directorate-General for Education and Culture, followed by the Press Service and the Communication Department. In 2011 she moved to the legal translator team of the European Parliament.

In September 2013, she swapped Brussels for The Hague, where she joined the team of the European Parliament's Information Office.

19.15 - 22.15 h

Leading country or querulous nation:

Dark clouds? Problems and solutions: an analysis.

Dr. Matthijs Lok -

Amsterdam

Dr. Matthijs Lok has studied in Liverpool, Leiden and Yale.

He is a lecturer in Modern European History at Amsterdam University.

Friday 28 - 10 - 2016

9.45 - 12.15 h

Discussion between generations: what are the youngsters' perspectives for the European future?
23 grammar school pupils from the "Dalton Lyceum" in Barendrecht (near Rotterdam) will share with us their hopes and fears.

Presenter: Friso Wiersum - Utrecht.

Friso Wiersum is a journalist and historian. He has studied in Utrecht, Bonn and Bordeaux. He often works as a presenter and organizer of quite a number of projects.

13.30 - 15.00 h Continuation.
Our youngsters will say good-bye about 15.00 h (before the Netherlands are one big traffic jam)

15.30 - 17.30 h **And for the older generation:
what are our ideas about the European future?**

Conference chair

Saturday 29 - 10 - 2016
9.15 - 12.15 h

**Europe and the Netherlands in a period of
unstoppable globalization.
What is in this situation "responsible action"?**

Bernard Naron - Luxembourg

Bernard Naron has studied European economic law in Utrecht, Geneva and at the "collège d' Europe" in Bruges. He has been adviser of the social-democratic party in the European Parliament for 5 years. Bernard is now head of business transformation in the ABN-AMRO Bank in Luxembourg.

19.15 - 21.00 h Summary, Evaluation of the conference. How to go on ?

Contribution to My!Europe's final declaration.

21.00 h - Final evening

Sunday 30 - 10 - 2016 Departure after breakfast

MEALS:

8.15 - 9.00 h breakfast

12.15 - 13.00 h lunch

18.00 - 19.15 h dinner

CONFERENCE CHAIRS:

Frits Grevink - Naarden

Henk Bekker - Bilthoven

INTERPRETER:

Petra Jackisch - Cologne

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES:

English/German