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EESC kick-off event in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE)

Institutional part

Moderator: **Brian Maguire**

- 14.30** | Opening by **Christa Schweng**, President of the EESC
- 14:40** | Speech by **Manfred Weber**, MEP, EPP Chair and member of the CoFoE executive board - tbc
- 14:50** | Speech by **Dubravka Šuica**, Vice-President of the European Commission and member of the CoFoE executive board
- 15:00** | Speech by European Committee of the Regions Representative - tbc
- 15:10** | Speech by **Eva Maydell**, MEP and President of the European Movement International



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Round Tables

15.20

Panel No. 1

Shared fundamental values for Europe and beyond

Moderator: **Brian Maguire**

Keynote speaker:

Prof. Dr Manfred Nowak, Professor for International Human Rights and Scientific Director of the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights

Poll related to the topics of Panel No. 1

Other participants:

Morten Kjærum, Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Helena de Felipe Lehtonen, Vice-President of the EESC Ad hoc group on Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law (FRRL)

Q&A



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16.00

Panel No. 2

Sustainable Economic Recovery, Skills and Innovation

Moderator: **Brian Maguire**

Keynote speaker:

Günther H. Oettinger, President of United Europe

Poll related to the topics of Panel No. 2

Other participants:

Stefano Mallia, President of Group I

Ivonne Bollow, Global Director Corporate Public Policy at Metro AG

Q&A

16.40

Musical interlude by Brussels Muzieque



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16.55

Panel No. 3

Sustainable Social Recovery, job creation and just transition

Moderator: **Brian Maguire**

Keynote speaker:

Ana Mendes Godinho, Minister for Employment, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal

Poll related to the topics of Panel No. 3

Other participants:

Oliver Röpke, President of Group II

Luca Visentini, Secretary General of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Q&A

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17.35

Panel No. 4

Sustainable, inclusive and participative societies

Moderator: **Brian Maguire**

Keynote speaker:

Dr Sean Healy, CEO of Social Justice Ireland

Poll related to the topics of Panel No. 4

Other participants:

Séamus Boland, President of Group III

Brikena Xhomaqi, Co-president of the Liaison Group, Director of the Lifelong Learning Platform (LLLP)

Q&A

18:15

Final remarks by **Cillian Lohan**, Vice-president of the EESC

18:25

Closing by **Christa Schweng**, President of the EESC

End of the event