



WORKSHOP

Developing more effective prostitution policies in Europe

Time to target both pimps and buyers in European prostitution markets

Welcome to a seminar that explores the best ways to stop the abuse of women and children and halt the growing prostitution markets in Europe

Brussels, 17 December 2013

Time: 12.30-15.00 * Room PHS P1C051

PROGRAMME

A sandwich lunch will be provided in the meeting room

12.30 Welcome and Introduction

Mikael Gustafsson, GUE/NGL MEP (Sweden), and Chair of the Committee on Women's rights and gender equality

12.45 Setting the context

Current developments in prostitution policy in Europe - trends and perspectives

By **Pierrette Pape**, Policy officer at the European Women's Lobby (EWL)

The sex industry lobby - a powerful player in a lucrative market: myths and strategies dismantled

By **Hanne Helth**, the 8th of March Initiative (Denmark)

Discussion

13.30 Presentations of developments at country level in Europe

400.000 women in prostitution - it is time to change Germany's (pro)prostitution policy!

Recent policy developments and first successes

by **Chantal Louis**, EMMA magazine (Germany)

Shutting down brothels is not all that difficult: lessons learned from the Icelandic experience

by **Gudrun Jonsdottir**, Stigamot centre (Iceland)

A migrant's rights perspectives on Prostitution policy - our campaign so far

by **Denise Charlton**, Turn off the red light, (Ireland)

14.30 Responses by European policy makers

Mary Honeyball, MEP (S&D, UK), and Rapporteur of the European parliament report "Sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality"

Sophie Auconie, MEP from France (EPP) (tbc)

14.50 Closing of the seminar by Mikael Gustafsson, GUE/NGL MEP (Sweden)