

DIALOGUE SEMINAR

Organised by the Bureau of European Policy Advisors (BEPA) European Commission,
jointly with The European Humanist Federation (EHF) &
La Grande Loge Féminine de France (GLFF)

The rise of populism in Europe: in search of a strong EU action

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Schuman room, Berlaymont, rue de la Loi 200, 1049 Brussels

PROGRAMME

- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 – 9.50 Opening and welcome by **Jean-Claude Thébault**, Director General of BEPA, and **Pierre Galand**, President of EHF
- 9.50 – 11.00 *The rise of populisms in Europe*
Magali Balent, Project Director and Researcher at Robert Schuman Foundation
Hanna Ladoul, Co-producer of the video report "Populisme au féminin"
Panayote Dimitras, President of the Humanist Union of Greece
- 11.00 – 11.20 Q&A
- 11.20 – 11.45 Coffee break
- 11.45 – 12.30 *Review of past EU actions to fight populism in Europe by the European institutions*
Miguel Ángel Martínez Martínez, Vice-President of the European Parliament (S&D), President (1992-1996) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Paul Nemitz, Director at DG Justice, European Commission
- 12.30 – 13.00 Q&A
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Buffet
- 14.30 – 16.30 *Panel on the prospective EU actions against populism*
Moderator: **Jean-Pierre Vandersteen**, Deputy Director general of DG COMM, European Commission
Fadila Méhal, President of the association "Marianne de la diversité"
Antonio Missiroli, Director of the European Union Institute for Security Studies
Rui Tavares, rapporteur for fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law in Hungary, Group of the Greens/Free Alliance in the European Parliament (EP)
Manfred Weber, Vice-President of the European People's Party group (EP)
- 16.30 – 17.00 Conclusion
Catherine Jeannin-Naltet, Grande Maîtresse de la Grande Loge Féminine de France
Jean-Claude Thébault, Director General of BEPA