

# Reference Budgets Network

## Developing a common methodology for cross-nationally comparable reference budgets in Europe

### Concluding seminar

2 June 2015

Hotel Bloom, 250 Rue Royale, 1210 Brussels

<b>09:00: Registration &amp; welcome coffee</b>	
<b>09:15-09:45 – Opening session</b>	
	Chair: Béa Cantillon <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Jordi Currel Gotor, DG EMPL acting director for Europe 2020 social policies (15')</li><li>• MEP (tbc) (15')</li></ul>
<b>09:45-11:00 – Session 1: introduction to the project and the methodology</b>	
	Chair: Manos Matsaganis <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of project and methodology as well as main outputs – Tim Goedemé (30')</li><li>• Questions and discussion (30')</li></ul>
<b>11:00-11:15 – Break</b>	
<b>11:15-13:00 – Session 2: Main results</b>	
	Chair: Jolanta Perek-Białas <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of food baskets – Elena Carrillo / Hilde Boeckx (20')</li><li>• Presentation of total baskets – Bérénice Storms (15')</li><li>• Country experiences (10' for each country):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– RO – Cristina Raț</li><li>– FR – Isa Aldeghi</li><li>– CY – Phanos Kouroufexis</li><li>– FI – Lauri Mäkinen</li></ul></li><li>• Q&amp;A (30')</li></ul>
<b>13:00-14:00 – Break</b>	
<b>14:00-15:45 – The way forward</b>	

Chair: Bistra Vassileva

- Main lessons and areas that need further improvement – Karel Van den Bosch 15'
- Discussion 15'
- The use of reference budgets for EU policy purposes – Bea Cantillon 15'
- The use of reference budgets for national policy purposes – Cok Vrooman 15'
- Stakeholder's view: EAPN - Fintan Farrell 15'
- Discussion 30'

**15:45-16:00 – Concluding remarks by Stefan Olsson – Head of Unit Social inclusion and poverty reduction, DG EMPL 15'**