



ALTER-EU ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
share, strategise and mobilise!

Curb corporate influence and reclaim democracy!

Dates: 13-14 October, 2011
Venue: conference room, Mundo-B,
26, rue d'Edimbourg, Brussels

Note from the organisers for participants coming from far:

When planning your travel and accommodation, please note that CEO, TNI and ATTAC organise a public debate on the morning of October 12 about economic governance, and that October 15 is scheduled to be a day of mobilisation, with mass rallies planned in Brussels (#15oct, #Oct15).

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Thursday 13 October

9h30 Doors open for registration and coffee

10h00 Grassroots resistance to corporate influence.

- Annabel Park – Coffee Party movement (US experience)
- Javier Toret Medina – DRY / Indignados movement (to be confirmed)
- Stephen Reid – UK Uncut
- Tommaso Fattori (Italian referendum campaigner)

Moderator: Olivier Hoedeman (CEO)

13h00 Lunch

14h00 Action / Photo shoot

14h30 What can MEPs do to prevent corporate capture of decision-making?

- Monica Macovei (European People's Party)
- Claude Turmes (Greens)

Moderator: Katrina Perehudoff (HAI)

15h30 Discussion

16h00 How ALTER-EU challenges corporate influence in the EU.

- Revolving doors (agencies, EP, EC) – Vicky Cann (Corporate Europe Observatory)
- Lobby secrecy – ALTER-EU campaigner – Paul de Clerck (Friends of the Earth Europe)
- Expert groups – Yiorgos Vassalos (Corporate Europe Observatory)

Moderator: William Dinan (Spinwatch)

17h30 ALTER-EU: Presentation of the ALTER-EU workplan for 2012.

18h00 Lobbytour (*Screening of 'Debtocracy' in Mundo-B in case of rain*)

20h00 Group dinner

Friday 14 October

9h30 Registration and coffee

10h00 What can we learn from lobbying regulation in US?

- Craig Holman – Public Citizen Congress Watch

Moderator: Helen Burley (CEO)

10h45 Discussion

11h30 ALTER-EU: Presentation of new steering committee groups.

12h30 Lunch

13h30 Workshops on corporate influence.

- Inside the 'Coffee Party movement' – Annabel Park
- Climate change – Natacha Cingotti (FoEE)
- Big pharma – Katrina Perehudoff (Health Action International)
- Arms industry – Hans Lammerant (Vredesactie)
- Finance and the banks – Rens van Tilburg (SOMO), Yiorgos Vassalos and Kenneth Haar (CEO)
- Agri-business – Nina Holland and Martin Pigeon (CEO)
- Think-tanks and front groups – Will Dinan and David Miller (Spinwatch)

15h30 Linking European and national campaigns on lobbying.

- The 'lex Strasser' and other Austrian developments – Hubert Sickinger (University of Vienna)
- Public service unions for lobby transparency – Jan Willem Goudriaan (European Federation of Public Service Unions)
- Bringing lobby transparency and ethics regulation to Germany – Timo Lange (LobbyControl)
- British lobby transparency campaigning and the ALT coalition – Tamasin Cave (Spinwatch)

Moderator: Jorgo Riss (Greenpeace)

17h00 Close

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