



## An Invitation

# EU Employment Commissioner to Open Maynooth Conference on Free Movement & Labour Mobility within the EU

Who is moving, from where, to where in Europe? What are the rules and regulations governing social security entitlements? Can we get a revision of the Posting of Workers Directive that will enshrine the principle of "*the same pay for the same job in the same place*" as outlined by President Juncker in his State of the Union address? At the Maynooth University, Co Kildare on Friday November 13th, MEP Marian Harkin along with the European Institute of Democrats will host a comprehensive debate on ***Free Movement and labour Mobility across the EU***.

Opening the event, the Commissioner for Employment & Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility Marianne Thyssen will roll out ***Europe's Vision for fair labour mobility***, ahead of the Commissions Mobility package due to be released on December 9th.

Following the Commissioner's speech, MEP Harkin will moderate two panels representing EU policy makers, academics, economists and scientists that will examine ***the myths and realities*** around free movement in the EU and a ***wider EU perspective*** from countries such as the Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Poland.

As the United Kingdom's debate over membership of the European Union gathers pace, the third panel will finish with a ***Brexit debate*** on its consequences for the Irish labour market and the European Union with former Taoiseach John Bruton and former Minister for European Affairs Dick Roche.

The conference will commence at 9.30am in the Renehan Hall, Maynooth University on Friday, November 13th. MEP Marian Harkin and the Institute of European Democrats would greatly appreciate if you could cover the event, the details of which are attached.

Yours faithfully,

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