



# " Sparsely populated and severely depopulated areas: a growing problem in the EU "

**1st June 2016, 18h – 19h30**  
European Parliament, Room ASP A 5 E1  
Brussels

## **AGENDA**

**18h00 – 18h10**

### **Welcome**

**MEP Jordi SEBASTIÀ**, Primavera Europea (Greens/EFA)

**Florent Marcellesi**, Spokesperson EQUO-Europa

**18h10 – 18h20**

### **Round Table**

“Depopulated areas: a European challenge” by Luis Antonio Sáez, President of the Depopulation and Rural Development Studies Centre of Saragossa

**18h20 – 18h30**

"Severely depopulated rural areas in Castile" by Ignacio Ruiz Guerra, Professor of Economics at Universidad Complutense de Madrid

**18h30 – 18h40**

“The Northern Sparsely Populated Areas experience” by Zofia Tucinska, Director of the Mid Sweden European Office in Brussels

**18h40 – 18h50**

“Can EU policies reverse population decline?” by Lewis Dijkstra, Deputy Head of the Economic Analysis Unit at DG for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission.

**18h50 – 19h30**

### **Debate and Closing remarks**