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"Hemp and medical cannabis as a driving factor of growth and employment"

European Parliament - PHS 5B001 - 14:00-17:00

23 February 2016

We kindly invite you to the conference "**Hemp and medical cannabis as a driving factor of growth and employment**" organized by GUE/NGL Greek MEP **Stelios Kouloglou** which will take place on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016** at the European Parliament in Brussels.

The conference aims at understanding the alternative and sustainable use of cannabis variations as industrial hemp and as a medicine. The guest speakers will highlight that cannabis can be a boost for growth and employment in the EU.

Conference languages: English and Greek

PROGRAM

13:30 Registration

14:00 - 15:30 1st Panel Industrial Hemp

Moderator: Stelios Kouloglou MEP (Greece, GUE/NGL-SYRIZA)

- European Commission representative: Financing hemp production and processing in Europe (tbc)
- Francesco Tropea, EPRS Policy Analyst: EP studies, national legislation on hemp production and processing in selected EU countries,
- Mark Reinders, Deputy president of the European Industrial Hemp Association (EIHA) and HempFlax (NL)
- Q&A session

15:30 - 17:00 2nd Panel: Medical Cannabis

Moderator: Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea MEP (Spain, ALDE - Unión, Progreso y Democracia)

- Michael Carus, Manager Director of the European Industrial Hemp Association (EIHA) and nova-Institute (DE)
- Joep Oomen, ENCOD coordinator - The European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies
- Michel Degens, MAMBO representative - medical social club



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- Q&A session

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