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## **EPP-ED HEARING ON THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY, RELIGIONS AND DIALOGUE**

**Thursday, 10 January 2008, from 15h00 - 18h30 in room A3E-2  
PROGRAMME**

<b>15.00</b>	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <b><u>Welcome speech by:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr Gunnar Hökmark, Vice-President of the EPP-ED</b></li><li>• <b>Mrs Erna Hennicot-Schoepges MEP, rapporteur on the European Year of Intercultural dialogue 2008</b></li></ul> <b><u>Introduction by:</u></b> <b>Mr Ján Figel' , European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth</b>
<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>RESPECT OF THE EU VALUES FOR A BETTER - LIVING TOGETHER</b>	
<b>15.35</b>	<b>Limits of tolerance</b> <b><i>Opportunities and problems from the Muslim point of view</i></b> Presentation by: Mr Bekir Alboga, Director of DITIB
<b>15.50</b>	<b>Beyond tolerance, recognition of pluralism</b> Presentation by: Dr. Bérangère Massignon, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE), Paris, and Groupe de Sociologie des Religions et de la Laïcité (GSRL), CNRS
<b>16.05</b>	<b>Debate with participants</b>
<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>EUROPE FACING RELIGIOUS PLURALISM</b>	
<b>17.00</b>	<b>Education and religious pluralism</b> Presentation by: Dr. Marko Ivan Rupnik, Pontifical Oriental Institute, consultant of the Pontifical Council for Culture
<b>17.15</b>	<b>Meeting and Dialogue of religions: between challenge and reality</b> Presentation by: Prof. PhDr. Tomáš Halík Th.D, Professor of Sociology at Charles University
<b>17.30</b>	<b>Debate with participants</b>
<b>18.15</b>	<b>Closing remarks by Mrs Erna Hennicot-Schoepges MEP</b>

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