

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Building Solidarity for Tomorrow: Dynamo International at the 58<sup>th</sup> Europa Forum of the Lions Club International**

*31 AUGUST 2012 / BRUSSELS : From 6 to 8 September 2012, Dynamo International is participating in the 58<sup>th</sup> Europa Forum of the Lions Clubs International, with the aim of building European networks of solidarity that meet the real needs of society.*

The 58<sup>th</sup> Europa Forum is taking place at the Square Brussels Meeting Center in Bruxelles, from 6 to 8 September 2012. The event, gathering together 2000 people around the theme “Building Solidarity for Tomorrow”, aims at strengthening the links with the European Union as well as developing the participants’ professional skills.

The official opening ceremony will be held on Thursday 6 September at 5 pm, and it will be honored by the presence of Her Royal Highness the Princess Astrid of Belgium. During the numerous seminars and workshops, prestigious orators will take the floor, including the European Commissioner Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, the Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium Ms. Laurette Onkelinx, Mrs. Margarita Barroso, Madam Professor Bea Cantillon, member of the Academy Royal of Belgium and Ms. Justine Hénin.

Edwin de Boevé, Director of *Dynamo International*, will present the activities of the International Network of Street Workers. A stand will allow participants to learn more about street work and its specificities.

For 25 years, the Lionism has been supporting the street work, being aware of the importance of undertaking ground actions to assist the people (adults and children) living on the street, and offer them support, protection, social care and education. Acknowledging that worldwide, the most vulnerable people living on the street are increasingly abused and their rights are violated, it is essential to encourage and support networks of solidarity between on-field actors.

The Forum programme and further material are available online at [www.europaforum2012.be](http://www.europaforum2012.be)

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**Notes to the editors**

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***About Dynamo International***

*Dynamo International coordinates the International Network of Social Street Workers, active in the field of people (children, youth, adults) living in street situation. The Network currently consists of more than 40 national platforms of street workers from Southern and Northern countries. As a real solidarity network, it is acknowledged as a European network fighting against poverty. It promotes the exchange of best practices, training actions and giving voice to the key players in this field, by calling on political authorities and other bodies to fight against exclusion and inequalities.*

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***About Lions Club International***

*The International Association of Lions Clubs is present in 247 countries and regions, with 1.5 million members, 270.000 of which are in Europe.*

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