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INTERCULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE**

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2023
09.00 - 10.00 HRS.

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AGENDA

1. Opening by the Co-Chairman of the Working Group **Mr. György Hölwényi** MEP
2. Introduction by: **Mr. Lukas Mandl** MEP
3. Exchange of views on “**The Church in healthcare services: challenges faced in Hospices and non-profit organizations**” with:
 - **Sr. Karin Weiler** CS (Mag.), Head of Department Social Pastoral Services, Values, Volunteering, Caritas Socialis, Austria
 - **Mr. Robert Oberndorfer** (Mag. MBA), Executive Director, Caritas Socialis, Austria
4. Questions & Answers

SUMMARY

Experts highlighted during the meeting that human dignity needs to be fully respected until the very end of the human life. Healthcare professionals deserve and need support in this context and proper funding is required in order to reduce patients’ suffering for the palliative care, and support new ways for treating dementia. In a European Union, that faces demographic challenges, elder people often feel discriminated. Members agreed that there is an urgent need for reflection and for promoting the benefits that can derive from elders’ wisdom and experiences. A comprehensive strategy and long-term action to make European society fit for ageing is needed.



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