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## **THIS IS NOT EUROPE THE CARTOON EXHIBITION VISITED BY HARLEM DESIR AND PLANTU**

### **IN MONS - 120 TOPICAL CARTOONS**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Secretary of State for European Affairs, Harlem Désir, visits this Saturday, February 20, 2016 the exhibition "This is not Europe! 120 topical cartoons," the Mons Memorial Museum (Belgium), at the invitation of Elio Di Rupo, Mayor of the City of Mons and Minister of State, and Plantu.

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**AN EXHIBITION GATHERING A HUNDRED TOPICAL CARTOONS ABOUT EUROPEAN IDENTITY**-----The exhibition is open until June 26, 2016, Tuesday to Sunday, from 10:00 to 18:00 including the permanent collection.

"At a time when the European Union - this unique peaceful construction in history - must accommodate an influx of refugees fleeing poverty, barbarism and war, and while it is itself in full identity crisis, a hundred small drawings will try to paint a dozen great designs that stir the old continent." Nicolas Vadot, Belgian cartoonist and curator of the exhibition, said.

In response to several crises facing Europe today, the cartoons are powerful tools to stimulate debate and promote tolerance. The exhibition, organized around a hundred topical cartoons, invites young and old to think about the European identity crisis. The exhibition is displayed into ten chapters, it covers topics as varied as the worrying rise of extremist movements, the issue of migrants, the consequences of the economic crisis, the resurgence of populist, nationalist or multiplication folds. the visitor, , discover the looks worn by 49 cartoonists from 27 countries in Europe and elsewhere, on our society, Through humour, irony or emotion. Some famous cartoonists are playing a part of the prestigious cast, including: Kroll, Vadot, Plantu, etc. The exhibition is organized in collaboration with "Cartooning for Peace / Cartooning for Peace". It is an initiative, that was founded by Plantu and Kofi Annan in 2006, under the association, which is an international network of committed cartoonists fighting with humor, respect for cultures and freedoms. One of its founding principles is to ignore borders, be they geographical or internal to each and every one of us.

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