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## ***EU coordination in the social field in the context of Europe 2020: Looking back and building the future***

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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*The Conference will be divided into three main parts, with Parts A and B taking place on the first day of the Conference and Part C on the second day:*

- *Part A will focus on issues related to “Overall governance and coordination in the social field at EU level”;*
  - *Part B; will focus on ‘reinforcing the tools and visibility of the Social Open Method of Coordination in the context of Europe 2020’*
  - *Finally, Part C will then explore ways of “Improving the tools for social policy coordination at EU level”*
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### **HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

**LA HULPE, 14-15 SEPTEMBER 2010**



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## **MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**19.30-21.30:** Buffet (Informal welcome dinner) for conference's participants  
Registration

## **TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**8.30-9.00:** Registration

**9.00-9.30: Welcoming address and introduction to the conference**

Chair: Frank Van Massenhove, President of the Board of the Belgian Federal Public Service Social Security

- Belgian Minister of Social Affairs - (15')
- European Commission (15') Robert Verrue (DG employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)

### **Part A: Overall governance and coordination in the social field at EU level**

**9.30-10.15: Session A.1: The social dimension of EU integration - Why a stronger and better coordinated Social Europe is needed**

**Chair: Frank Van Massenhove, President of the Board of the Belgian Federal Public Service Social Security**

- The social situation in Europe: key trends (Roger Liddle, Chair Policy Network) - (15')
- Mapping the components of the current Social Europe: A critical analysis of the governance patchwork (Maurizio Ferrera, University of Milan) - (15')

Reaction to the interventions: Aurelio Fernandez-Lopez (Social Protection Committee), Bruno Coquet (Employment Committee), Lorenzo Codogno (Economic Policy Committee) (15'):

- *Questions* (15')

**10.30-11.00: COFFEE AND TEA BREAK**

**11.00-12.30: Session A.2: Panel on “Ensuring better coordination and integration of different policy areas at EU level”**

**Chair: Bruno Palier (CNRS Paris and RECOWE)**

Panellists : Fabrizio Barca (Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy); Thérèse de Liedekerke (Business Europe), Józef Niemiec (ETUC); Elisabeth Schrödter (European Parliament -TBC); (High Level Group on Education) (N); Dirk Cuypers (High Level group on Health) .

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**12.30-14.00: LUNCH**

**Part B: Reinforcing the tools and visibility of the Social Open Method of Coordination in the context of Europe 2020**

**14.00-15.45: Session 1: Chair: Judith Rezmues (Hungarian representative to the Social Protection Committee)**

- Improving the OMC toolbox: Looking back and drawing lessons (Jonathan Zeitlin, University of Amsterdam) - (15')
- Contribution on the indicators (N) – (15')
- Lisbon Treaty, Europe 2020, EU Platform against poverty and Social OMC: (Georg Fischer, European Commission) - (15')
- Discussant: Hugh Frazer, Maynooth National University of Ireland - (10')
- Musical Intermezzo (5')
- Critical comments by four institutional actors: Lauris Beets (vice-President of the SPC), Elizabeth Lynne (European Parliament) , Leila Kurki, (Economic and Social Committee) , Carin Lindqvist-Virtanen (Chair ISG Indicator Subgroup SPC – TBC)
- *Questions ( 15')*

**15.45-16.15: COFFEE AND TEA BREAK**

**16.15-17.15: Session 2: Chair: Mary Daly (Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland)**

Panellists: Fintan Farrell (EAPN), Anne-Sophie Parent (AGE), Clive Needle (Eurohealth Net), Pierre Baussand (Social Platform), Antonia Carparelli (European Commission)

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*Will also be present* Lauris Beets (vice-President of the SPC), Elizabeth Lynne (European Parliament), Economic and Social Committee Leila Kurki (TBC), Carin Lindqvist-Virtanen (Chair ISG Indicator Subgroup SPC – TBC)

17.15 – 17.30 Questions (15’)

**17.30: Closure of Day 1 and invitation to dinner and Day 2:**

**Rapporteur for Day 1: Bart Vanhercke (European Social Observatory and RECWOWE)**

**20.00: DINNER**

## **WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2010**

### **Part C: Improving the tools for social policy coordination**

*In this session, the focus will be on the actual implementation. Even though the main focus will be on the implementation at national and sub-national levels, the link with the EU level will also be touched upon.*

#### **9.00-10.15: Session C.1: Thematic workshops**

- **Workshop 1: Better coordination between National, Regional and local levels**

*Introductory paper: Gregorio Rodriguez Cabrero (member of the EU Network of experts on social inclusion)*

*Chair: Mr. Heller*

*Rapporteur: Mrs. Silvia Ganzerla – EUROCITIES*

- **Workshop 2: Strengthening mutual learning**

*Introductory paper Kenneth Armstrong (Queen Mary University,)*

*Chair: Lars-Göran Jansson, ESN*

*Rapporteur: Sabine Horstmann, Coordinator of EU Network of independent experts in charge of the “Analytical support on the socio-economic impact of social protection reforms (ASISP)”*

- **Workshop 3: Improving stakeholders’ participation**

*Introductory paper: EU study on Stakeholders’ involvement in Member States (Nathalie Wuiame, ENGENDER)*

*Chair: Ides Nicaise, KU Leuven, Belgium*

*Suggested rapporteur: Social Platform*

#### **10.15-10.45: COFFEE AND TEA BREAK**

## **10.45-12.00: Session C.2: Delivering tangible results**

**Chair: Eric Marlier (CEPS/INSTEAD Research Institute, Luxembourg) (5')**

### ***C.2.1 Political Commitment: Targets, monitoring and policy analysis***

- Robert Walker, Oxford University, UK (15')

### ***C.2.2 Mainstreaming and social impact assessment***

- Martin Kuehnemund, The Evaluation Partnership (TEP) (15')

### ***C.2.3 Questions and answers on presentations C.2.1 and C.2.2 Timing: 35 minutes***

## **12.00-12.45: Wrapping things up**

- Key messages from Day 1 (Bart Vanhercke, ESO and RECKOWE) (5')
- key messages from each workshop (Workshop's rapporteurs) (3\*5'=15')
- key messages from session 5.2 (Isabelle Maquet)( 5')

## **12.45 – 13.15: Conference conclusions**

**Chair: Aurelio Fernandez, Chair of the Social Protection Committee**

- László Andor, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (10') (TBC)
- Pervenche Berès, Chair of the EMPL Committee of the European Parliament
- Belgian Minister for Social Affairs (10')

**13.15: LUNCH**