

FIRST DAY

High-Level Conference on the European Pillar of Social Rights

15-16 April 2024 at Dolce La Hulpe, Brussels

12.00 - 13.20 **Welcome Lunch**

13.20 - 13.30 **Welcome** by the Master of Ceremony, **Jennifer Baker**

13.30 - 13.40 **Opening Speech**

by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Health of Belgium, **Frank Vandenbroucke**

13.40 - 13.50 **Keynote Speech**

Reflecting on social challenges ahead of a next EU-term

by the Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, **Dragoş Pîslaru**

13.50 - 13.55 **Keynote Speech**

Building a Strong Social Europe across Borders

by the President of the European Economic and Social Committee, **Oliver Röpke**

13.55 - 14.00 **Keynote Speech**

The role of civil society in shaping social Europe

by the President of the Social Platform, **Heather Roy**

14.00 - 14.20 Transition from the plenary to the break-out sessions

14.20 - 15.35 **Break-out session 1**

Access to the labour market: a gender equal access to the labour market with an intersectional perspective

Moderator: **Joanna Maycock**, independent consultant, specialised in integrating feminism and gender equality at EU level

Introductory statement: **Marie-Colline Leroy**, Belgian State Secretary for Gender Equality, Equal Opportunities and Diversity

Keynote address: **Carlien Scheele**, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Statement: **Simona Bucura-Oprescu**, Minister for Labour and Social Solidarity of Romania

Panelists:

- **Mary Collins**, Secretary General of the European Women's Lobby
- **Tim Jackson**, University of Surrey, Director of the Centre for the Understanding of Sustainable Prosperity (CUSP)
- **Tamás Kádár**, Co-director of Equinet
- **Sylwia Spurek**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Rapporteur: **Irena Moozova**, Deputy Director General, DG Justice, European Commission

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14.20 - 15.35 Break-out session 2

Access to social protection: ensuring social protection for all in a changing labour market

Moderator: **Anne-Claire Le Bodic**, President of the European Social Insurance Platform

Setting the scene presentation: **Paul Schoukens**, Full Professor of Social Security Law at the Catholic University of Leuven

Panelists:

- **David Clarinval**, Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Security for the Self-Employed, SME's and Agriculture, Institutional Reforms and Democratic Renewal of Belgium
- **Elma Saiz Delgado**, Minister of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration of Spain
- **Martine Deprez**, Minister of Health and Social Security of Luxembourg
- **Michael Falzon**, Minister for Social Justice and Solidarity, the Family and Children's Rights of Malta

Rapporteur: **Paul Schoukens**, Full Professor at the Catholic University of Leuven

14.20 - 15.35 Break-out session 3

Fair working conditions: AI and algorithmic management

Moderator: **Bernard Clerfayt**, Brussels Minister for Employment, Training, Local Authorities, Digital Transition, Animal Welfare and Family Allowances

Setting the scene: **Osea Giuntella**, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh

Panelists:

- **Raphaële Xenidis**, Assistant Professor in European Law (Sciences Po Law School)
- **Uma Rani Amara**, Senior Economist at the Research Department of the International Labour Office (ILO)
- **Phoebe Moore**, Professor of the Futures of Work, University of Essex / Senior Policy Researcher, International Labour Organization
- **Dennis Radtke**, Member of the European Parliament

Rapporteur: **Stijn Broecke**, Senior economist at the OECD

15.35 - 16.05 Coffee break

16.05 - 16.20 Reporting back to the plenary

Conclusions of the break-out sessions by the rapporteurs

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16.20 - 17.35 Ministerial political debate on the Future of Social Europe

Moderator: **László Andor**, Former Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Panelists:

- Minister of State for Care Policy of Hungary, **Attila Fülöp**
- Minister of Labour and Social Insurance of Greece, **Domna Michailidou**
- Minister of Labour and Social Policies of Italy, **Marina Elvira Calderone**
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Employment of the Netherlands, **Karien Van Gennip**
- Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection of Austria, **Johannes Rauch**
- Minister Delegate for Seniors, and people with Disabilities of France, **Fadila Khattabi**

20.00 - 21.30 Dinner



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07.00 - 08.45 Welcome of the participants

08.45 - 10.00 Break-out session 4

Socio-economic governance: achieving the Porto targets by 2030: interaction between social, economic and employment performance

Moderator: **Zuzana Freitas Lopesová**, Deputy Minister for Labour and Social Affairs of Czech Republic

Setting the scene: **István György Tóth & András Gábos** (Resp. Director and Senior Researcher Tárki Social Research Institute)

Panelists:

- **Justina Jakštienė**, Vice Minister of Social Security and Labour at the Ministry of Lithuania
- **Riina Sikkut**, Minister of Health of Estonia
- **Sophia Metelius**, State Secretary to Minister for Employment and Integration of Sweden
- **Wilm Geurts**, Director International Affairs at Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment of the Netherlands
- **Monika Queisser**, Senior Counsellor to the Director of the OECD's Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Directorate and Head of Social Policy Division of the OECD

Rapporteur: **Eric Marlier**, International Scientific Coordinator, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)

08.45 - 10.00 Break-out session 5

Labour market policies to address multiple transitions: equal right to reskilling and upskilling and shared benefits for all

Moderator: **Christie Morreale**, Vice-President of the Walloon Government and Minister for Employment, Training, Social Action and the Social Economy, Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights

Panelists:

- **Srinivas Reddy**, Chief of Skills and Employability Branch (ILO)
- **Stefano Scarpetta**, Director of the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS) Directorate of the OECD
- **Inga Balnanosiene**, Head of the Lithuanian PES and Vice-Chair of the PES Network
- **Guibert Debroux**, BE national coordinator European Year of Skills
- **Seamus McGuinness**, Research Professor of Economics ESRI

Rapporteur: **Ann Branch**, Head of Unit Skills Agenda DG EMPL, European Commission

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08.45 - 10.00 Break-out session 6

Early childhood education and care: investing in children, for high social, education and economic returns

Moderator: **Karine Lalieux**, Belgian Minister for Pensions and Social Integration, with responsibility for Disabled People and Combatting Poverty

Setting the scene: **Daniel Molinuevo**, Research Manager at Eurofound & **Christian Morabito**, independent expert in the field of inequality and poverty reduction, education and early childhood.

Panelists:

- **Katarzyna Nowakowska**, Deputy Minister of Family, Labour and Social Policy of Poland
- **Marilena Evangelou**, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare of Cyprus
- **Regina De Dominicis**, Director of UNICEF Europe and Central Asia Regional Office
- **Ricardo Rio**, Mayor of Braga, Portugal

Rapporteur: **Christian Morabito**, independent expert in the field of inequality and poverty reduction, education and early childhood

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 - 10.45 Reporting back to the plenary

Conclusions of the break-out sessions by the rapporteurs

10.45 - 12.00 Ministerial political debate on the Future of Social Europe

Moderator: **László Andor**, Former Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Panelists:

- Vice-President of the Government of Spain and Minister for Work and Social Economy, **Yolanda Díaz Pérez**
- Minister of Family, Labour and Social Policy of Poland, **Agnieszka Dziemianowicz-Bąk**
- Vice Minister of Social Security and Labour at the Ministry of Lithuania, **Justina Jakštienė**
- Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Germany, **Hubertus Heil**
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Slovenia, **Luka Mesec**

12.00 - 12.15 Keynote speech

by Prof. **Mario Draghi**, author of the report on the future of European Competitiveness

12.15 - 13.45 Standing Lunch

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13.45 - 13.55 Keynote Speech

by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Work of Belgium, **Pierre-Yves Dermagne**

13.55 - 14.25 Keynote speeches by the Social Partners

- **Esther Lynch**, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation
- **Markus J. Beyrer**, Director-General of BusinessEurope
- **Valeria Ronzitti**, Secretary General SGI Europe
- **Véronique Willems**, Secretary General SMEunited

14.25 - 15.35 The Social Dimension of the Internal Market and of the European Economic Governance

Moderator: **Jennifer Baker**

Introduction by **Enrico Letta** and **Enrico Giovannini**

Panelists:

- **Wolfgang Katzian**, President of the ETUC
- **Markus J. Beyrer**, Director-General of BusinessEurope
- **Valeria Ronzitti**, Secretary General SGI Europe
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15.35 - 15.45 Keynote Speech

The social legacy of the 2019-2024 European Commission and social challenges ahead
by the European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, **Nicolas Schmit**

15.45 - 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 - 16.30 Introduction by Master of ceremony

16.30 - 16.40 Keynote speech

by the President of the European Commission, **Ursula von der Leyen**

16.40 - 16.50 Keynote speech

The contribution of the Parliament to shaping the EU social Agenda
by the President of the European Parliament, **Roberta Metsola**

16.50 - 17.10 Formal signature of the La Hulpe Declaration

17.10 - 17.20 Keynote speech

by the Belgian Prime Minister, **Alexander De Croo**

17.20 - 17.30 Closing speech

by the President of the European Council, **Charles Michel** [TBC]

17.30 - 18.00 Press Conference