

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, **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)

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
- *4th participant to the debate to be announced*

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 European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

Panelists:

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Employment of the Netherlands, **Karien Van Gennip**
- Minister of Family, Labour and Social Policy of Poland, **Agnieszka Dziemianowicz-Bąk**
- Minister of Labour and Social Insurance of Greece, **Domna Michailidou**
- Minister of Labour and Social Policies of Italy, **Marina Elvira Calderone**
- Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection of Austria, **Johannes Rauch**
- Minister of Minister of State for Childcare Policy, Ministry of the Interior, **Attila Fülöp**

17.35 - 17.45 Closing Speech

by the European Commission Executive Vice-President, **Valdis Dombrovskis**

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: Minister [TBC]

Setting the scene: **István György Tóth & András Gábos** (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
- *Representative of Ireland to be announced*
- *Representative of the Netherlands to be announced*

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

08.45 - 10.00 Break-out session 5

Labour market policies for a fair transition: right to lifelong learning, incl. Skills

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**, 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:

- **Elio Di Rupo**, Minister-President of Wallonia
- **Ricardo Rio**, Mayor of Braga, Portugal
- **Regina De Dominicis**, Director of UNICEF Europe and Central Asia regional office
- **Marilena Evangelou**, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare of Cyprus

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

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

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Panelists:

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour and Social Economy of Spain, **Yolanda Díaz Pérez**
- Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Germany, **Hubertus Heil**
- Minister for Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Slovenia, **Luka Mesec**
- Minister for Social Security and Labour of Lithuania, **Monika Navickienė**
- Deputy Minister and Minister of Labour and Social Policy of Bulgaria, **Ivanka Shalapatova**

12.00 - 12.15 Keynote speech

by Prof. **Mario Draghi** [TBC]

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, **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**, SGI Europe
- **Véronique Willems**, SMEUnited

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

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

Panel with debate:

- **Wolfgang Katzian**, ETUC
- **Markus J. Beyrer**, BusinessEurope
- **Valeria Ronzitti**, SGI Europe
- **Véronique Willems**, SMEUnited

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 - 17.00 Keynote speech

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

17.00-17:10 Formal signature of the La Hulpe Declaration

17.10 - 17.20 Closing speech

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

17.20-17:50 Press Conference



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