CONFERENCE

Review of Employment and Social Developments in Europe

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8.00 – 9.00  Registration & welcome coffee

9.00 – 9.15  Opening statement by Commissioner Marianne Thyssen: Key features and challenges of the employment and social situation and how to respond to them

9.15 – 10.30 1st Panel: Optimising human capital: skills development and the role of mobility and migration

Chair: Belinda Pyke (European Commission's Director-for Migration and Mobility; DG Migration and Home Affairs)

Presenters: Jörg Peschner and Konstantinos Pouliakas (CEDEFOP)

Panellists: Ken Mayhew (Oxford University); Theodora Xenogiani (OECD); Martin Kahanec (IZA/ Central European University, Budapest); Matthias Neske (Head of Division, German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees)

10.30 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.15 2nd Panel: The role of social protection in promoting employment and fighting long-term unemployment

Chair: Rudi Van Dam (Chair of the Indicators Subgroup of the Social Protection Committee)

Presenters: Filip Tanay and Maria Vaalavuo

Panellists: Teo Matkovic (University of Zagreb); Seija Ilmakunnas (Labour Institute for Economic Research); Agota Scharle (Budapest Institute)
13.45 – 15.00  3rd Panel: What policies and regulations do we need to boost job creation and entrepreneurship?

Chair: Tom Bevers (Chair of The Employment Committee)

Presenters: Ana Xavier and Eric Meyermans

Panellists: Paolo Barbieri (University of Trento); Mariya Aleksynska (ILO); David Halabisky (OECD)

15.00 – 16.00  4th Panel: Strengthening the role of social dialogue

Chair: Jordi Curell Gotor (European Commission's Director for Labour Mobility; DG Employment)

Presenter: Tim Van Rie

Panellists: David Foden (EUROFOUND); Roberto Pedersini (University of Milan); Daniel Vaughan Whitehead (ILO); Aurora Trif (Dublin City University)

16.00 – 16:30  Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.30  Closing Session: Trends and challenges to watch over the coming years

Chair: Barbara Kauffmann (European Commission's Director for Employment and Social Governance; DG Employment)

Panellists: Stefano Scarpetta (OECD); Ekkehard Ernst (ILO); Peter Scherrer (ETUC); Maxime Cerutti (BUSINESSEUROPE); Margo Hoftijzer (The World Bank); Bea Cantillon (University of Antwerp)

17.30  Concluding remarks – Barbara Kauffmann