



Conference

Employment in Europe 2007

Organized by the Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG –
Unit D1 "Employment Analysis"

PROGRAMME

Brussels, 30 November 2007

Hotel Bedford
Rue du Midi 135-137, Brussels, Belgium

Morning session

8.30 – 9.15 Registration and Welcome Coffee

9.15 - 9.30 Welcome Address by Ms. *Lenia Samuel*
Deputy Director General, European Commission,
Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"

Panel I – Recent trends in the labour market situation for younger and older workers in the European Union: a life-cycle approach

**Chair: Mr. Robert Strauss, Head of Unit, European Commission,
Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"**

9.30 – 11.00 The labour market situation for young people
Mr. *Christoph Maier*, European Commission,
Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"

The labour market situation for older workers
Mr. *Paul Minty*, European Commission,
Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"

Discussant: Mr. *Peter Auer*, Chief, Employment Analysis and Research
Unit, Economic and Labour Market Analysis Department, Employment
Sector, International Labour Organisation

General Discussion

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break

Panel II – Working time, work organisation and internal flexibility – Flexicurity models in the EU

**Chair: Mr. Enrique Fernandez, Research Manager,
European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions**

11.30 – 12.30 Working time, work organisation and work-life balance in the
European Union
Mr. *Matteo Governatori* & Mr. *João Medeiros*, European Commission,
Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"

Discussant: Mr. *Thomas K. Bauer*, Chair for Empirical Economics,
Ruhr-Universität Bochum & Member of the Executive Board,
Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung

General Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break – Buffet

Afternoon session

Panel III – Strengthening continuing vocational training at the initiative of the enterprise

Chair: *Ms. Aviana-Maria Bulgarelli*, Director, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training

14.00 – 15.00 Strengthening continuing vocational training at the initiative of the enterprise
Mr. *Emmanuel Hassan*, European Commission,
Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"

Discussant: Mr *A.C. Tuijnman*, Senior Economist, Human Capital
European Investment Bank

General Discussion

Panel IV – The labour income share in the European Union

Chair: *Mr. Karl Pichelmann*, Research Adviser, European Commission,
Directorate General "Economic and Financial Affairs"

15.00 – 16.00 The labour income share in the European Union
Mr. *Eric Meyermans*, European Commission,
Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"

Discussant: Mr. *Philippe Askenazy*, Senior Researcher,
CNRS-Paris School of Economics and IZA

General Discussion

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

Roundtable discussion: The stakeholders' view

Chair: *Mr. Xavier Prats Monne*, Director, European Commission

Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"

16.30 – 17.10 The point of view of a trade union
Mr. *Ronald Janssen*, Adviser, ETUC

The point of view of an employers' organisation
Mr. *Marc Stocker*, Director, BusinessEurope

The point of view of the Member States
Ms. *Heli Saijets*, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Labour, Finland

Concluding remarks by Mr. *X. Prats Monne*, Director, European Commission,
Directorate General "Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities"

17.10 End of the meeting