



Jobs for Europe: The Employment Policy Conference

*Brussels, Charlemagne Building
6-7 September 2012*

PROGRAMME

Thursday 6 September

8:00 – 9:00 Registration and coffee

Towards a job-rich recovery: Building a dynamic European labour market

Opening plenary

9:00 – 10:20 room GASPERI

Chairs **László Andor**, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Koos Richelle, Director-General, European Commission – DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Opening speeches **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission
Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council

Keynote speech **Christopher Pissarides**, London School of Economics

Questions and answers

10:20 – 10:40 Coffee

Special keynote speeches

12:30 – 13:00

room GASPERI

Chair **László Andor**, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Keynote speeches **Angel Gurría**, Secretary General, OECD

[Elsa Fornero](#), Minister of Labour, Social Policies and Equal Opportunities, Italy

13:00 – 13:30

Press conference: **László Andor**, **Angel Gurría**, **Elsa Fornero**, **Christopher Pissarides** (room MANSHOLT)

13:00 – 14:30

Buffet lunch

Stream A: Impact of the crisis on employment

Rapporteur **Raymond Torres**, Director, International Institute for Labour Studies, ILO

Fighting unemployment in the "programme countries"

10:40 – 12:20

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Chair **Horst Reichenbach**, Head of the EU Task Force for Greece

Panellists **Richard Bruton**, Minister of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Ireland

[Pedro Silva Martins](#), Secretary of State for Employment, Portugal

[Manos Matsaganis](#), Athens University of Economics and Business

Jobless households – the link between employment and poverty

14:30 – 16:15

room JENKINS

Chair **Roberta Gatti**, Human Development Economics Sector Manager and Lead Economist for the Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

Panellists [Fintan Farrell](#), European Anti-Poverty Network

[Maria Jepsen](#), Director, European Trade Union Institute

[Irena Topińska](#), Warsaw University and CASE

16:15 – 16:45

Coffee

Wages – adjustment and strategies

16:45 – 18:30

room GASPERI

Chair **Daniel Gros, Director**, Centre for European Policy Studies

Panellists **Maria Helena André**, Member of Parliament, Portugal

Neil Carberry, Confederation of British Industry

[Stefan Collignon](#), LSE and Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

20:00 – 22:30

Conference dinner (Museum of History and Ancient Art – Grand Narthex,
Parc Cinquantenaire)

Dinner speech by Commissioner László Andor at 20:50

Stream B: Employment policy throughout the life cycle

Rapporteur **Martine Durand**, Chief Statistician, OECD

Barriers to women's employment (work-life balance)

10:40 – 12:20

room JENKINS

Chair **Hanne Bjurstrøm**, Minister of Labour, Norway

Panellists [Francesca Bettio](#), University of Siena

[Christa Randzio-Plath](#), University of Hamburg

Robert Anderson, Eurofound

Youth – What has the Youth Opportunities Initiative achieved and what is next?

14:30 – 16:15

room GASPERI

Chair **MEP Pervenche Berès**, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

Panellists **Enrico Rossi**, President, Toscana Region

[Günther Lambertz](#), German Chambers of Commerce and Trade

[Peter Matjašič](#), President, European Youth Forum

16:15 – 16:45

Coffee

Active ageing – the labour market dimension

16:45 – 18:30

room JENKINS

Chair **Juan Menéndez-Valdés**, Director, Eurofound

Panellists **Aart de Geus**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Bertelsmann Stiftung

[Anne-Sophie Parent](#), Secretary General, AGE Europe

Claudia Menne, Confederal Secretary, ETUC

20:00 – 22:30

Conference dinner (Museum of History and Ancient Art – Grand Narthex, Parc Cinquantaire)

Dinner speech by Commissioner László Andor at 20:50

Stream C: Pathways to full employment

Rapporteur **Dan Corry**, Chief Executive, New Philanthropy Capital

From welfare to work: activation and job creation

10:40 – 12:20

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Chair **José Albino Silva Peneda**, President of the Economic and Social Council, Portugal

Panellists [Herwig Immervoll](#), Senior Economist and Social Protection Specialist, World Bank

Mik Woolley, Chair of the EU Employment Committee

Stefano Scarpetta, Deputy Director, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Developing the social economy

14:30 – 16:15

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Chair **Marguerite Mendell**, Concordia University, Montreal

Panellists **Zigor Ezpeleta**, Director for Social and Labour Affairs, Mondragon Corporation

Aurélie Duprés, European Network for Social Integration Enterprises

Thorkill Sonne, Founder, Specialisterne

16:15 – 16:45

Coffee

Job guarantee – concept and implementation

16:45 – 18:30

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Chair **Koos Richelle**, Director-General, European Commission - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Panellists **Bill Mitchell**, University of Newcastle, Australia

Frank-Jürgen Weise, Director-General, Bundesagentur für Arbeit, Germany

France Joubert, President, Centre Européen de Ressources pour les Groupements d'Employeurs

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Dinner speech by Commissioner László Andor at 20:50

Friday 7 September

9:00 – 10:45

Parallel sessions: Sectors with high job-creation potential

Green economy

room GASPERI

Chair **Janez Potočnik**, EU Commissioner for Environment

Panellists [Christine Evans-Klock](#), Director, Skills and Employability Department, ILO

[Emmanuel Combet](#), International Research Centre on Environment and Development

Staffan Nilsson, President of the European Economic and Social Committee

White (coat) jobs

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Chair **Martin Seychell**, Deputy Director-General, European Commission – DG Health and Consumers

Panellists [Dirk Cuypers](#), President of the Board of Directors, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium

[Marianne Olsson](#), President, European Health Management Association

[Romuald Krajewski](#), President, European Union of Medical Specialists

ICT jobs

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Chair **Neelie Kroes**, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda

Panellists [Wu Choy Peng](#), CIO of SingTel Group and former CIO of the Government of Singapore

[Oliver Bussmann](#), CIO of SAP

[Vincenzo Spiezia](#), Senior Economist, International Institute for Labour Studies

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee

Concluding plenary session

11:15 – 13:00

room GASPERI

Summary of previous day and EU social partners' views

Chair	Koos Richelle , Director-General, European Commission – DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Rapporteurs	Raymond Torres , Director, International Institute for Labour Studies, ILO Martine Durand , Chief Statistician, OECD Dan Corry , Chief Executive, New Philantropy Capital
Social partners' representatives	Bernadette Ségol , Secretary General, ETUC Maxime Cerutti , Director, Social Affairs, BusinessEurope

Questions and answers

Closing statements

Chair	László Andor , EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Closing statements	Sotiroula Charalambous , Minister of Labour and Social Insurance, Cyprus – Presidency of the Council of the EU Guy Ryder , Director General-Elect, ILO

13:00 – 13:30 Press conference: [László Andor](#), [Sotiroula Charalambous](#), [Guy Ryder](#)
(room MANSHOLT)

13:00 – 14:30 Buffet lunch

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