

**EXTENDING THE WORKING LIFE OF OLDER WORKERS:
A EUROPEAN SUCCESS STORY?**

*Workshop organised by the European Commission
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- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 -9.40 Welcome and opening remarks, Marco Buti, Deputy Director General European Commission, DG Economic and Financial Affairs
- Session 1. The impact of pension reforms on the incentives to retire and participation rates**
- Chair: Marco Buti, Deputy Director General for Economic and Financial Affairs
- 9.40 -10.10 Edward Whitehouse, OECD, "Modeling Pension Entitlements and incentives to retire"
- 10.10 -10.30 Alfonso Arpaia, European Commission, DG ECFIN: "Assessing the impact of pension reforms in the EU: a diff-in-diff approach"
- 10.30 -11.00 David Stanton, Chair of the Indicators Sub-Group of the Social Protection Committee, "Assessing the adequacy and sustainability of pensions on the basis of indicators of the Open Method of Coordination"
- 11.00 -11.20 Discussant: Ruud A. de Mooij, CPB, Erasmus University, Oxford.
- Session 2 Extending Working Life**
- Chair: Henri Bogaert, Bureau Federal du Plan and Chairman, Ageing Working Group,
- 11.20 -11.50 Vincenzo Galasso, IGIER, Università Bocconi, CSEF, and CEPR "Postponing Retirement: the Political Push of Aging"
- 11.50 - 12.20 Olivier Bontout, European Commission, DG EMPL "Experience with Pension Reforms in Europe"
- 12.20 – 12.50 Ray Barrell, NIESR, "Extending working life?"

- 12.50-13.10 Discussant: Michael Neugart, WZB
- 13.10 – 14.10 Lunch**
- Session 3** **Complementarities between Labour Market reforms and Pension reforms**
- Chair: Xavier Prats Monne Director, DG Employment Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- 14.10 -14.40 Agar Brugiavini, Università di Venezia Ca' Foscari, "Labour and pension reforms in Italy"
- 14.40 -15.10 Gérard Cornilleau, OFCE and SciencePo "Labour and pension reforms: the experience of countries with high older workers' participation rates "
- 15.10 -15.40 Hans Fehr, University of Wuerzburg "The German experience"
- 15.40 -16.00 Discussant: Georg Fischer DG Employment Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities