

Conference programme

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The future of pensions in Europe

Taking stock and looking ahead two years after the White Paper

26 March 2014

Venue: Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre, Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Brussels

Chair of the day: Alex Puissant, journalist

Working languages: EN, FR

From 8h15 onwards **Registration of participants**

9h00 to 9h10 **Opening speech**

- **László Andor**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

9h10 to 9h30 **Keynote speech**

- **Axel Börsch-Supan**, Director, Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Germany

9h30 to 11h00 **Panel discussion *Towards a better balance between time spent in work and retirement***

Introduction: **László Andor**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Panelists:

- **Ria Oomen-Ruijten**, MEP
- **Yannick Moreau**, Conseil d'État, France
- **Bernadette Ségol**, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

- **Platon Tinios**, University of Piraeus, Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini, European Network of Experts on Gender Equality

Discussion

László Andor: Wrapping-up – what remains to be done

11h00 to 11h30 **Coffee Break**

11h30 to 13h00 **Panel discussion *The role of supplementary pensions/savings in long-term financing and safe and adequate retirement***

Introduction: **Michel Barnier**, European Commissioner for the Internal Market and Services

Panelists:

- **Steve Webb**, Minister of State for Pensions, UK
- **Jetta Klijnsma**, State Secretary for Social Affairs and Employment, Netherlands
- **Joanne Segars**, Chair, PensionsEurope
- **Michaela Koller**, Director General, Insurance Europe
- **Markus Beyrer**, Director General, BusinessEurope

Discussion

Nadia Calvino, Deputy Director-General for the Internal Market and Services, European Commission: Wrapping-up – what remains to be done

13h00 to 14h30 **Lunch**

14h30 to 16h00 **Panel discussion *Pension reforms and their contribution to sustainable public finances***

Introduction: **Olli Rehn**, Vice-President, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Euro

Panelists:

- **Alexander De Croo**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Pensions, Belgium

- **Jozef Burian**, Deputy Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia
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- **Tom Dominique**, Chair, Social Protection Committee
- **Peter Part**, Chair of the Working Group on Ageing Populations and Sustainability, Economic Policy Committee

Discussion

Olli Rehn: Wrapping-up – what remains to be done

16h00 to 16h30 **Coffee Break**

16h30 to 18h00 **Panel discussion *What pensions for future generations of Europeans?***

- **Bernard Casey**, University of Warwick, London School of Economics
- **Yves Stevens**, KU Leuven
- **Heinz Becker**, MEP
- **Gerard Riemen**, Director of the Federation of Dutch Pension Funds, President of the European Association of Paritarian Institutions of Social Protection
- **Anne-Sophie Parent**, Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe

18h00 to 18h10 **Closing address**

- **Michel Servoz**, Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission