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### **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)



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- 13.45 – 15.00**      **3<sup>rd</sup> 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)
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- 15.00 – 16.00**      **4<sup>st</sup> 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)
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- 16.00 – 16:30**      **Coffee Break**
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- 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)
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- 17.30**                **Concluding remarks – Barbara Kauffmann**