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DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Employment and Social Governance
Thematic Analysis

***Leaving no one behind and striving for more:
Fairness and solidarity in the EU social market economy***

Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2020

Online Seminar, 15 September 2020, 15:00-17:00

Format

Online seminar including a short overview of the main findings of the ESDE 2020 report and a high-level panel discussion on their impact and relevance in the context of the Covid-19 crisis and in view of the Action Plan for the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights. Back-to-back to the [German Presidency conference on “Social Europe. Stronger Together”](#).

Participants

Representatives from Member States, social partners, EU and international organisations and civil society, as well as academics and researchers.

Interpretation

Interpretation: online, from/to DE, EN, FR and sign language; live velotyping

Draft agenda and panellists

Seminar on “Strengthening fairness and solidarity in the European social market economy and ensuring inclusive growth and just transitions: Stronger Together out of the crisis”

15:00 – 15:30 Opening and introduction

Welcome remarks

- Jörg Wojahn, Head of the EU Representation in Germany

Presentation of key findings of the 2020 ESDE report

- Dr. Barbara Kauffmann, Director for Employment and Social Governance, DG EMPL, European Commission

Introduction to the panel discussion

- Dr. Ursula Weidenfeld, Journalist
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15:30 – 16:45 Panel discussion with interactive SLIDO polls and Q&A

Moderation: • Dr. Ursula Weidenfeld, Journalist

- Panellists:
- Sandra Pereira, MEP, Vice Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
 - Dr. Rolf Schmachtenberg, State Secretary, German Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs; German Presidency of the Council
 - María Milagros Paniagua San Martín, State Secretary, Spanish Ministry of Social Inclusion and Social Security (tbc)
 - Prof. Dr. Marcel Fratzscher, President DIW and Humboldt University Berlin

- Andrea Brandolini, Deputy Director General for Economics, Statistics and Research, Banca d'Italia
 - Joost Korte, Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), European Commission
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16:45 – 17:00 Outlook and closing