

PES Network
Stakeholder conference
**The power of PES
partnerships**

20-21-22 April 2021



Tuesday 20 April

“Introducing the PES partnership ecosystem”



09:30 – 10:00 CET

Opening session

Message from **Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

Welcome from **Johannes Kopf**, Chair of the PES Network

Main findings of the 2020 PES Partnership Working Group

Marie-Thérèse Fombona, Head of International Relations at PES Belgium-Wallonia

10:00 – 11:00 CET

Trends and prospects for partnerships

- **Anette Scoppetta**, Researcher on the themes of PES, partnerships and the use of European Social Fund, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
- **Alex Nunn**, Author of 2015 paper “Trends and developments in PES partnership-working”, Derby University
- **Sukti Dasgupta**, Chief of the Employment, Labour Markets and Youth - EMPLAB branch at the International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- **John Hurley**, Senior research manager in the Employment unit at Eurofound

Questions and answers

11:00 – 11:20 CET

Coffee Break

11:20 – 12:20 CET

Parallel workshops (in webinar style)

1. Agile partnerships

Stop Career Centres for Youth in Lithuania

Lina Pečiulienė, Coordinator of Youth Services and Strategic Partnerships at PES Lithuania

2. Subcontracted partnerships

The Work Ability Reform in Estonia

Sirlis Sõmer-Kull, Head of the Work Ability department at PES Estonia

12:20 – 13:00 CET

Lunch Break

13:00 – 14:00 CET

Parallel workshops (in webinar style)

3. Co-constructed partnerships

Social Impact Bonds in the Brussels Region

Fanny Broussan, Project manager at PES Belgium-Brussels; **Sarah Unger**, C.F.O. at BeCode; **François de Borchgrave**, Managing Partner at Koïs Invest

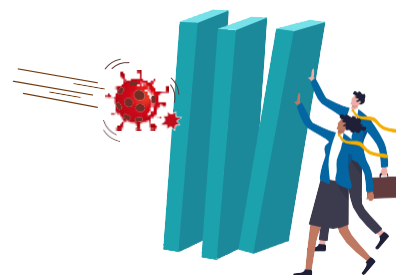
4. Supportive partnerships

Regional transition teams and collaboration with social partners in the Netherlands

Annette de Groot, Director of Policy, strategy & lobby, Federation of Dutch Trade Unions (FNV); **Marloes Lubberdink**, Strategic advisor on Employment, participation & income, Municipality of Amsterdam; **Ellen Jacobs**, Head of policy & communication, PES Netherlands

Wednesday 21 April

“Practical partnership responses to the pandemic”



09:30 – 10:30 CET Panel discussion on Partnerships and COVID

Moderated by Patrizia Brandellero and Eamonn Davern

- **Maxime Cerutti**, Director of Social Affairs at BusinessEurope
- **Claude Denagtergal**, Senior advisor at the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- **Liliane Volozinskis**, Director for Social Affairs & Training Policy at SMEUnited
- **Guillaume Afellat**, Policy Advisor at Services of General Interest Europe (SGI Europe)
- **Johannes Kopf**, Chair of the PES Network

10:30 – 11:00 CET Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 CET Interactive parallel workshops

1. Support for SMEs

The “Starting Strong” programme in Ireland

Paula Fitzsimons, Enterprise Ireland; **Sonia Neary**, Wellola

The “Employment for All” Partnership Agreements in Malta

Olivia Farrugia, Head of Jobseeker Services at PES Malta; **Anthony Gatt**, Director of Caritas Malta

2. Support for vulnerable groups

The Greek PES partnerships with Google and Coursera

Athanasia Theodoridou, General Director of Vocational Education and Training at PES Greece; **Maria Founta**, Country Marketing Manager for Greece at Google; **Stephen Somerville**, Strategic Business Development at Coursera

The “Lanzaderas” initiative in Spain

María del Mar González García, PES Spain

3. Support for post-COVID recovery

“Free Training in Digital Skills” in Spain

Jorge Luengo de la Torre, Head of International Relations at PES Spain

The “Skills Investment Plan” in the French region of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

Maud Venturini, Head of the Training Engineering department at PES France

The “Growing Digital” initiative in Italy

Martina Rosato, Interim director of Employment Services at PES Italy; **Carmine Nigro**, Unioncamere

4. Short-time work schemes

Short-time work schemes in Luxembourg

Isabelle Schlessner, Director of PES Luxembourg; **Jean-Paul Olinger**, Director of the Union des entreprises luxembourgeoises (UEL)

Short-time work schemes in Ireland

Jackie Harrington, Principal Officer for Jobseeker Payments at PES Ireland

Short-time work schemes in Norway

Hans Christian Holte, Director General at PES Norway

5. Support to youth

The impacts of COVID-19 on youth employment and the way forward
European Youth Forum (Speakers TBC)

Partnerships and youth employment during COVID-19 in Finland

Janne Savolainen, Youth Guarantee coordinator, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment

Partnerships to support young people in Portugal

António Leite, Youth Guarantee coordinator and Vice-President of PES Portugal; **Manuel Garcia**, national coordinator of the Upskill Programme

12:00 – 13:30 CET Networking lunch

Thursday 22 April

“The future employment service ecosystem”



10:00 – 11:00 CET

Keynote presentations

- The future labour market
Theodora Xenogiani, Senior economist at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- The future employment service ecosystem
Menno Bart, Member of the Executive Committee at World Employment Confederation (WEC)
- The changing role of PES
Spiros Protopsaltis, Director-General of PES Greece and Vice-Chair of the PES Network
Benoît Miller, Head of the Digital Transformation Service at PES Belgium-Brussels

11:00 – 11:20 CET

Coffee Break

11:20 – 12:20 CET

Interactive parallel workshops

1. Partnerships and the changing labour market

The Regional Skill Centres in Wallonia

Gérard Mattia, International and Institutional Relations Department, PES Belgium-Wallonia;
Jean-Michel Vanderhofstadt, Director of the “Technocampus” Skills Center

The Lifelong guidance centres in Croatia

Lucija Večerić, representative of the Bjelovar regional Lifelong Guidance Centre (CISOK);
Ivana Jurković, Bjelovar University of Applied Sciences

2. Partnerships for orienting and re-integrating PES clients in a digital world

“New Plan”, a self-assessment tool for orientation and counselling

Mark-Cliff Zofall, Manager of the Labour Market Business area at PES Germany

The “Job-VEU” model of cooperation between the employment system and the educational system.

Anja Toxværd Poulsen, Head of Regional Labour Market Division South at PES Denmark;
Kenneth Vraa and **Casper B. Kristensen**, Phønix Roof Materials A/S.

3. Impact of technology on future relationships

Digitalisation and data analytics

Ria Deketele, PES Belgium-Flanders

The “Job Market Finland” ecosystem

Sointu Kouki, KEHA centre; **Tom Kaisla**, Chairman of the Board at Eilakaisla

4. The changing role of PES as part of the future employment service ecosystem

JobTech Development: a digital infrastructure for the employment and educational ecosystems

Gregory Golding, Head of JobTech Development at PES Sweden

Developing tools for enhancing digital transformation

Tina Cerk and **Breda Taurer**, Independent advisors at PES Slovenia

12:20 – 13:00 CET

Lunch Break

13:00 – 14:00 CET

Repeated interactive parallel workshops

1. Partnerships and the changing labour market

2. Partnerships for orienting and re-integrating PES clients in a digital world

3. Impact of technology on future relationships

4. The changing role of PES as part of the future employment service ecosystem

14:05 – 14:30 CET

Closing plenary

Concluding remarks by Johannes Kopf, Chair of the PES Network