The European Social Observatory (OSE) and the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) cordially invite you to a conference marking the publication of:

Social policy in the European Union 1999-2019: the long and winding road

Brussels, 12 March 2020 — 9.00 - 16.30

Venue: The International Auditorium, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5 – 1st floor – 1210 Brussels

Programme

9.00  Registration

9.30  Welcome and setting the scene
Philippe Pochet, General Director, European Trade Union Institute – ETUI
Bart Vanhercke, Director, European Social Observatory – OSE

Dalila Ghailani, Senior researcher, OSE

Session 1. Social versus economic integration: two decades of change

Chair:  Philippe Pochet, General Director, ETUI

10.00  Balancing fundamental social and economic rights: left to the judges?
Sacha Garben, Professor of EU law, College of Europe, Bruges

10.15  60 years of European social security coordination: achievements and controversies
Frederic De Wispelaere, Researcher, HIVA, KULeuven

10.30  Q&A with the audience
Introduced by Luc Tholoniat, Principal Advisor, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN), European Commission
Herwig Verschueren, Professor of International and European Employment and Social Law, University of Antwerp

11.15  Coffee break
Session 2. Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

Chair: Bart Vanhercke, Director, OSE

11.45 Roundtable discussion followed by Q&A with the audience

Introduced by Krzysztof Nowaczk, Deputy Head of Unit, DGEMPL Coordination Unit
Maxime Cerutti, Director, Social Affairs Department, BusinessEurope
Marco Cilento, Head of Institutional Policy, European Trade Union Confederation – ETUC
Leo Williams, Director, European Anti-Poverty Network – EAPN

13.00 Light lunch

Session 3. Social Europe 1999-2019: two steps forward, one step back?

Chair: Philippe Pochet, General Director, ETUI

14.00 From the Lisbon strategy to the Pillar of Social Rights: the many lives of the Social OMC
Bart Vanhercke, Director, OSE

14.15 Once upon a time there was the European social dialogue
Jean-Paul Tricart, Associate Researcher, ETUI

14.30 Q&A with the audience
Introduced by Amandine Crespy, Université Libre de Bruxelles – ULB

Session 4. Social Europe 1999-2019: key messages

Chair: Bart Vanhercke, Director, OSE

15.30 Social Policy in the EU 1999-2019: key messages
Slavina Spasova, Researcher, OSE and Bart Vanhercke, Director, OSE

15.50 Twenty years of the ‘Bilan social’, twenty years of EU social policymaking
Introduced by Philippe Pochet, General Director, ETUI and Isabelle Schömann, Confederal Secretary, ETUC

Plenary discussion: looking back and moving forward

16.30 Drinks reception

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Interventions in EN and FR: interpretation in these languages will be provided.

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