



“Assuring Adequate Pensions & Social Benefits for all European Citizens”
September 7-8, 2010, Liège, Belgium

Conference Agenda

Tuesday, September 7, 2010:
Assuring Adequate Pensions

8:45--9:15: Welcome by M. Willy Demeyer – Mayor of Liège

9:15-9:30: Opening Remarks,

by Mr. Robert Verrue, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

SESSION I: INTRODUCTION

9:30-10:00: “Pension reform in Europe”,

*by Mr. David Natali, University of Bologna, European Social Observatory
+ 5 min. Reaction by Minister/Policy Maker*

SESSION II: PRESENTATION OF EPC / SPC JOINT REPORT ON PENSIONS

10:00-10:40: “Lessons to be learned from EPC / SPC Joint Report on Pensions”,

*by Mr. Aurelio Fernandez, Chairman of the Social Protection Committee
by Mr. Henri Bogaert, Chairman of EPC Working Group on Ageing Populations and Sustainability, Belgian Federal Planning Bureau*

10-40 - 11:00: BREAK

11:00 – 11:45: Discussants:

11:00-11:15: Mr. Georg Fischer, European Commission

11:15-11:30: Mr. Giuseppe Carone, European Commission

11:30 – 11:45: Member of European Parliament

11:45-12:00: Question time



SESSION III: PANEL DISCUSSION

12:00 – 12:45 Panel European Stakeholders,
moderated by *Mr. Eddy Caekelberghs*

12:45-13:45 LUNCH

SESSION IV: EVALUATING PENSION REFORMS

14:00 - 14:25: “The economic and social outcomes of pension reforms”, by *Mr. Asghar Zaidi*, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
+ 5 min. Reaction by Minister/Policy Maker

14:30-14:55: “Assuring adequate pensions for all European citizens”,
by *Mr. Koen Vleminckx*, DG Strategy & Research, Federal Public Service Social Security
+ 5 min. Reaction by Minister/Policy Maker

15:00-15:25: “Towards an effective balance of the social and economic objectives of pension reform”,
by *Mr. Bernard Casey*, Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick
+ 5 min. Reaction by Minister/Policy Maker

15:30 – 15:45 : Question time

15:45-16:15 : BREAK

SESSION V: PANEL DISCUSSION

16.15 – 17.15: European Ministers
Moderated by *Mr. Eddy Caekelberghs*

17:15 – 17:45: Conclusion
by *Mr. Georg Fischer*, Director of Social Protection, European Commission
by *Mr. Michel Daerden*, Federal Minister for Pensions

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**Wednesday, September 8, 2010:
Assuring adequate systems of social protection**

8:00 - 9:00: COFFEE

9:00 - 9:15 : Opening Remarks,

by *Mrs. Antonia Caparelli*, Head of Unit for Social Inclusion, European Commission

SESSION I : SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND THE EUROPEAN MODEL

9:15 – 9:35 : “Social Protection systems at the heart of the European model”

by *Mr. Joakim Palme*, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, Sweden

9:35 - 10:55 : “Social Protection as automatic stabilizer”

by *Mr. Andreas Peichl*, Institute for the Study of Labour, Germany

10:55 - 10:30 : Panel discussion: European Social Partners,

Moderated by *Mr. Eddy Caekelberghs*

10:30 – 10:45: Question time

10:45 -11:15: BREAK

SESSION II: EUROPEAN EXPERIENCES ADEQUATE SOCIAL PROTECTION

11:15 -11:35 : “European experiences in providing adequate social protection”,

by *Mrs. Bea Cantillon*, Director, Centre for Social Policy – Herman Deleeck, Antwerp

11:35-12:10 : Panel discussion: European Ministers

Moderated by *Mr. Eddy Caekelberghs*

12:10-12:25 Question time

12:25 - 13:00 : Conclusions:

by *Mr. László Andor*,

EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

by *Mrs. Laurette Onkelinx*, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health

13:00 LUNCH

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