“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

GALA DINNER
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

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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