Social partner involvement in the European Semester

Final Conference
Brussels, 3 December 2019

Programme

Venue: NH Brussels Bloom, room Inspire, rue Royale 250, 1210 Brussels

8.30 – 9.00 am   Registration and coffee

9.00 – 9.15 am   Welcome and setting the scene
   ▪   Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation – ETUC
   ▪   Bart Vanhercke, European Social Observatory – OSE

First Plenary Session – Comparative analysis: key research findings

Chair: Bart Vanhercke European Social Observatory – OSE

9.15 – 10.00 am   National social dialogue and the European Semester, Emmanuele Pavolini, Macerata University

   Trade unions and the European Semester: channels for influence, Vassil Kirov, Bulgarian Academy of Science

   Strategies for trade union involvement in the European Semester, Slavina Spasova, OSE

10.00 – 11.00 am   Plenary discussion, introduced by:
   Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary, ETUC
   Andrea Pritoni, Associate Professor, University of Turin

11.00 – 11.30 am   Coffee break and change of rooms
Parallel Sessions – Trade union involvement in the European Semester in selected EU Member States

Venues: Meeting room 1, Meeting room 4 and Into the box

11.30 – 1.00 pm Session 1 – The European Semester as a selective catalyst for national social policymaking
- Belgium, Dalila Ghailani, OSE
- Bulgaria, Lyuben Tomev, Institute for Social and Trade Union Research – ISTUR

Chair: Ramon Peña-Casas, OSE
Rapporteur: Lorenza Antonucci, OSE Research Associate

Session 2 – ‘Just being heard’? Engaging in the European Semester in the shadow of domestic politics
- Finland, Olli Kangas, University of Turku
- Italy, Marcello Natili, University of Macerata
- Portugal, Pedro Perista, Centre for Studies for Social Intervention – CESIS

Chair: Andrea Pritoni, University of Turin
Rapporteur: Heloísa Perista, CESIS

Session 3 – Limited involvement in the European Semester
- Germany, Birgit Kraemer, WSI in the Hans-Böckler-Stiftung
- Hungary, Fruzsina Albert, Hungarian Academy of Sciences – HAS
- Sweden, Olle Jansson, Uppsala University

Chair: Vassil Kirov, Bulgarian Academy of Science
Rapporteur: Jenny Jansson, Uppsala University

1.00 – 2.30 pm Lunch

Second Plenary Session – Lessons beyond INVOTUNES

Chair: Slavina Spasova, OSE

2.30 – 3.30 pm Roundtable Discussion
Social partner involvement in the European Semester: lessons beyond INVOTUNES

Introduced by the Rapporteurs of the parallel Sessions

Lorenza Antonucci, OSE Research Associate
Giovanni Casale, Advisor, ETUC
Ricardo Contreras, Research Officer in the Working Life unit, EUROFOUND
Richard Pond, Policy Staff, European Public Service Union – EPSU

3.30 – 4.00 pm Coffee break
4.00 – 5.15 pm  Roundtable and plenary Discussion
National social dialogue and the European Semester: what role for the EU?

Moderator: Bart Vanhercke, OSE

Introduction: Emmanuele Pavolini, Macerata University

Panelists:
Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary, ETUC
Maxime Cerutti, Director, Social Affairs Department, Business Europe
Jeroen Jutte, Head of Unit for the European Semester, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
Jonathan Zeitlin, Professor, University of Amsterdam
Ilze Zvidrina, Chair, Employment Committee – EMCO

5.15 – 5.30 pm  Conclusions

Practical information:

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Interpretation in the plenary and in the parallel sessions from and to English and French.

Travel and accommodation: expenses are borne by the participants.


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