



6th European Social Week



All Things New
Forging Radical Evolution
Social Dialogue with a Future

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At the last ESW we discussed the development of a European Social Model. We saw that classical models to fight the crisis, i.e. stimulating growth and raising competitiveness alone are not sufficient to overcome the crisis and to prevent widening social inequalities and high unemployment.

A radical paradigm shift is necessary in order to reach sustainable social development. This shift is about creating enduring decent living and labour conditions, as well as ambitious goals for the environment and climate. Consequently an extended economic and business model has to be developed with more emphasis on the participation of all involved. In addition, a modern social dialogue as required by the European Commission should be developed, with effective structures and procedures.

At the 6th European Social Week in Doorn we shall concentrate on the central question: How can we create a just economic order that shows respect for people and the environment, including the needs of all involved, including the poor and future generations. What will an economy look like that moves away from being primarily profit-oriented to one of participative and constructive cooperation for the common good?

At the opening session in Doorn, we look forward to inspiring answers to these questions from Lord Maurice Glasman, director

of the Faith and Citizenship Programme, London Metropolitan University, and Piet Hein Donner, currently vice-chairman of the Council of State of the Netherlands and former chairman of the Christian-Social Congress in the Netherlands.

The 6th European Social Week is divided in three blocks. In the first block we discuss our responsibility for a better environment and better living and labour conditions. This matters to everyone.

In the second block, we shall discuss the further development of the European social model, and the deepening of the social dialogue, taking into account the consequences of IT and robotics for labour.

In the third block we shall deal with the role of the big financial organisations and multinationals.

We shall close the seminar with a contribution by Erik Borgman, one of the most inspiring contemporary theologians. In the footsteps of *Rerum Novarum* – Pope Leo XIII 125 years ago – he shall present in the context of the 6th European Social Week a theological vision for the 21st century.

The speakers mentioned shall not be the only voices. Active participation and sufficient time for discussion with and between the participants is an integral part of the programme.



Herbert Metzger
President of the 6th European Social Week

**Thursday
18
February**

Opening session

President: Herbert Metzger

15.00 Opening words of welcome: Herbert Metzger

President European Social Week



Maurice Limmen

President National Federation of Christian Trade Unions in the Netherlands; CNV

Bartho Pronk

President European Centre for Workers' Questions EZA



16.00 The power of ideas – I Lord Maurice Glasman

Director of the Faith and Citizenship Programme, London Metropolitan University



16.30 The power of ideas – II Piet Hein Donner

Current Vice-chairman of the Council of State, Netherlands, and former chairman of the Christian-Social Congress in the Netherlands



17.00 Refreshments

18.30 Dinner

**Friday
19
February**



Morning session

President: Maurice Limmen, President CNV

09.15 The bridge between the fifth and sixth European social week

Johan Verstraeten

Professor Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium

Our responsibility for a better environment and better labour relations in Europe and elsewhere

We want to leave a better world to our children. Our economy relies on environmental quality and the labour of people outside of Europe. Sustainability and resilience are global issues; we cannot deal with these issues on our own and in isolation. What are the demands, challenges, and chances that global ecology and global social justice contain for Europe?



09.45 Renovate the future of the consuming society

Ellen Van Stichel

Postdoctoral researcher Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium

10.15 Discussion

10.45 Break

11.15 Europe, engine for decent work worldwide

Luc Cortebeek

Vice president International Labour Organization (ILO)



11.45 Discussion

12.15 Pitches on sustainability, globalization, ecology

12.45 End of morning session.

13.00 Lunch

**Friday
19
February**

Afternoon session

*President: Sigrid Schraml, General secretary
European Centre for Workers' Questions, EZA*



New labour conditions – how to change the European social model

Workers are not a 'workforce', nor 'human resources', they are responsible persons who want to be connected and work in community. It is vital that employees are treated as creative and responsible persons who are stimulated and supported to further develop their talents, their creative, social and moral capacities.

What does dignifying labour, i.e., both dignifying the labour itself and the worker, mean in a modern economy that relies more and more on flexible workers on the one hand, and where on the other hand the nature of labour and the workplace is fundamentally changed and challenged by IT-developments and the growing role of robotics?



**14.15 Social changes in business
Irene Mandl**

European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

14.45 Discussion

15.15 Break



15.45 The influence of robotization on labour and economy

Marcel Grignard

President Confrontations Europe

16.15 Discussion

16.45 Pitches on business models, future of labour, social enterprises

17.30 End of the session

19.00 Dinner with entertainment

**Saturday
20
February**

Morning session

President: Joseph Thouvenel, Vice-president French Confederation of Christian Workers (CFTC)



Multinationals and financial groups in relation to citizens and democracy

Repairing the crisis of 2008, we see adverse effects: rising inequality, the shrinking of the middle class, the transfer of public funds to private equity – just side-effects? Austerity seems to make private capital grow and public services deteriorate. Collective social services rely more and more on individual contributions, but people are less and less able to contribute to the well-being of others due to time and financial constraints. The universal destination of property is hidden from society and its policies.



09.15 Capital in the 21st century
Dr. Manfred Drennig

Former bank manager, Austria

09.45 Discussion**10.00 Money in the service of man and society****Mikel Lezamiz Bilbao**

Director of Cooperative Dissemination of Mondragon, Spain

10.30 Discussion**11.00 Coffee break****11.30 All things new – a theological vision on the 21st century****Erik Borgman**

Professor of Public Theology, Tilburg University, Netherlands

12.00 Conclusions of the 6th European Social Week**Jérôme Vignon**

Chairman of the Semaines Sociales de France

12.30 Closing of the 6th European Social Week**Herbert Metzger**

President of the 6th European Social Week

13.00 Lunch

About the European Social Weeks

The European Social Week aims to be a platform for meeting, confrontation, reflection, and mutual encouragement and support for all actors in the Christian-social movement in Europe. The promotion and deepening of the cooperation between all Christian organisations for employees and employers, between research institutes and Christian-social centres for education and care, is essential for the development of a real community in a globalizing world and to make life worth living in love, readiness for service and care, creative initiative, responsibility, leadership, justice, reciprocity and togetherness.

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Practical information

Participants' fee: €150,-

Participants of Eastern and Central Europe pay €75,-

Friday only: €70,- (including lunch)

For other partial participation: contact Hans Groen (see below)

If you want to share a room, please register both separately, stating the name of your room mate.

Fee for a second person who comes to Doorn but will not participate at the conference: €190,- (= price for room & board).

Travel expenses for participants coming from abroad will be reimbursed to a maximum of €300,- /person.

If you have any questions, please contact

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First name:

Family name:

Organisation:

Function:

Member of this employee's organisation:

Address – Street:

Number:

Postal code:

City:

Country:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Fax:

Number of passport:

I shall participate:

All three days / Thursday 18th / Friday 19th / Saturday 20th

Please reserve for me:

Name of room mate:

Single Room / Double Room

I speak the following languages:

Dutch English French German Italian Spanish

I shall arrive by:

Arrival at Airport / Station:

Plane Train Car

Price of the ticket: €

Date of arrival:

Time:

Date of departure:

Time:

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