



7th European Social Week

Solidarity, Subsidiarity, Common Good

Ways to overcome poverty and social inequality in europe

14 - 16 February 2019

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New and huge challenges await for Europe. Brexit will change Europe. The discussion about the social repercussions of globalization and the improvement of the structures in the European Union push for changes that are not yet clearly recognizable. In addition, the foreseeable future the world of labour will change fundamentally for many due to technological developments.

Will there still be work for all in the future? How do we have to adjust our social system. How can education accompany these changes? Which opportunities for co-operation of labour in forging our social system are available, or must be created, so that the human scale is not lost. In view of these questions it is not an exaggeration to say that the legitimacy of the European Union is at stake when people have the strong feeling that social problems are not accounted for sufficiently. Only national actions will not enhance cohesion in Europe.

The 7th European Social Week (ESW) wants to contribute to making a next step in the formation of a social Europe. That which connects societies and brings them together should be central to the ESW. The social dialogue is an important element to which employees' organizations can make a big contribution. But they cannot be left alone with this task. Also the national governments and the European Institutions are urged to deliver their contribution. On the occasion of the 7th ESW we want to discuss the aspects of the future shape of Europe from ethical, economic, and social perspectives. Knowledgeable speakers shall be invited to offer their view on the challenges and solutions. We hope participants will use the opportunity to actively join in the discussion.

Programme

Thursday 14 February 2019

13:00 Lunch

15:00 Registration

16:00 Opening of the 7th European Social Week

Words of welcome:



Herbert Metzger President of the 7th European Social Week

Bartho Pronk Chair of the European Center for Employees' Questions

Massimiliano Sabbadini President of the *Fondazione Luigi Clerici*

Carlo Costalli Président du Movimento Cristiana Lavoratori



16:45 Theme 1: In which direction is Europe developing socially?

Dr. Enrico Letta Chair of *Notre Europe* and former Prime Minister of Italy

17:30 Theme 2: The way out of the social crisis in Europe

Marianne Thyssen EU-Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility (Video message)

Claude Rolin Member of the European Parliament (EVP, European People's Party) and former secretary-general of the Belgian labour union CSC-ACV

19:30 End of the first day

20:00 Refreshments, followed by diner

Friday 15 February 2019

9:00 Welcome by Paolo Cesana, Director of the *Fondazione Luigi Clerici*

Opening by the session chair Björn van Heusden, Executive secretary of the *World of Workers Organisation (WOW)*



Theme 3: New work: which changes in the world of labour are coming up?

Fundamental technological changes will leave their imprint on the world of labour in the coming years. Will there be work for everyone? What is labour that fits humans? Which opportunities for co-operation and co-determination of these changes do workers have? How can technological progress serve ways to combine family life and occupation? What are workings when I work at home? Which training and education is necessary to keep me employable. What are the effects of changes in the system of social security? What about labour rights at the national and the European level?

9.15 Empirical Perspectives: Will we still have work for everyone?

John Hurley, EUROFOUND, Dublin

10:00 Ethical Perspectives: The future of work

Prof. Emmanuel Agius Member of the European Group of Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE) and Dean of the Department of Theology, Malta University

11:00 Break

11:30 Perspectives of labour unions: digitization of economy and labour

Elke Hannack Vice-Chair of the *Deutschen Gewerkschaftsbundes* (DGB)

12:15 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Afternoon session

Opening by the chair of the session



Maurice Limmen, President of the Christelijk Nationaal Vakverbond (CNV)

Theme 4: Current state of affairs and new challenges for the social dialogue

Technological possibilities for structuring work are a given. But what does the reality for employees look like? The social dialogue is an important instrument for the co-operation of employees in the formation of the world of labour and beyond. For this, structural preconditions have to be created that make efficacious discussion of all involved possible. Who must contribute which part so that the social dialogue will be effective and efficient. What can we contribute?

14.15 Introduction: Maurice Limmen

State of the social dialogue -- participants:

Vesselin Mitov Podkrepa, Bulgaria
Piotr Duda Solidarnosc, Poland
Joacuím Pérez da Silva USO, Spain
Joseph Thouvenel CFTC, France
Marie-Hélène Ska CSC-ACV, Belgium
Luigi Sbarra CISL, Italy

16:00 Break

16:30 Discussion

Closing words: Maurice Limmen

18:30 Visit to Milan

Saturday 16 February 2019

09:00 **Welcome** by (tba.)

Opening by the chair of the session

Sigrid Schraml, General-secretary of EZA



Theme 5: A new European social order

The distribution of goods for the people of Europa, and for people elsewhere, is definitely unequal. This pertains to work, income, wealth, and thus to the well-being of people. Due to this, the chances for social participation are neither distributed justly. Politics and democratic forces in society have to work towards equality of chances with solutions that show solidarity. At the same time, reducing poverty and inequality can restore trust in the competence of those who make decisions. This is an important condition for the democratic development of our societies.

9.15 Mgr. Antoine Hérouard Suffragan of Lille and chair of the Social Committee of COMECE, the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union

9:45 Prof. Bea Cantillon, Director of the *Centrum voor Sociaal Beleid Herman Deleeck* (Belgium)

Discussion

10:30 Break

11:00 Theme 6: Political outlook on the future of Europe

Jean-Claude Juncker Chair of the European Commission (video message)

12:00 Conclusions of the 7th ESW



Jérôme Vignon former president of the *Semaines Sociales de France*

Closing words: Herbert Metzger President of the ESW

13:00 Lunch

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