



**JOINT SEMINAR  
OF THE BELGIAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILS  
AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**"Transitions towards a digital, green, just and competitive Europe: the role of social and civil dialogue"**

**Brussels, 20 June 2024**

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee, Van Maerlant building (VMA3)

Van Maerlant Street 2, Brussels

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

(State of play 16/05/2024)

<b>Thursday, 20 June 2024</b>	
09:00	<i>Welcome - Arrival and registration of participants</i>
09:20 – 09:45	<b>Welcoming remarks by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>High-level ministerial representative from Belgium - Pierre-Yves Dermagne</b>, Deputy Prime-Minister, Minister of the Economy and Labour: video message (tbc)</li><li>▪ <b>Oliver Röpke</b>, President of the European Economic and Social Committee</li><li>▪ <b>Benoît Bayenet</b>, President of the Central Council of the Economy (CCE)</li><li>▪ <b>Rudi Delarue</b>, President of the National Labour Council (CNT)</li></ul>
9:45 – 12:30	<b>SESSION 1 – ROUND TABLE: THE CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL AND CIVIL DIALOGUE: DEMOGRAPHY, THE GREEN TRANSITION, DIGITALISATION AND COMPETITIVENESS</b>

10:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dubravka Šuica</b>, European Commission Vice-President for Democracy and Demography: demographic change in the EU and its repercussions on democracy</li> <li>▪ <b>Ricardo Rodríguez Contreras</b>, Research manager, Working life research unit - Eurofound EU Agency: digitalisation and working conditions</li> <li>▪ <b>Mikkel Barslund</b> and <b>Karoline Lenaerts</b>, Lamarta Project representatives: climate targets, low-carbon transition and employment policies</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions/Answers - Debate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Coffee break</b></li> <li>▪ <b>André Sapir</b>, Professor at the Brussels Université libre (ULB), Senior Fellow of Bruegel, and Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research: an economic perspective-potential growth</li> <li>▪ <b>Konstantinos Diamantouros</b>, Permanent Delegate of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV) in Brussels, EESC Group I Member: how to boost EU's competitiveness</li> <li>▪ <b>Zoe Tzotze-Lanara</b>, Head of the international relations department of the Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE), EESC Group II Member: the European care strategy SOC/741</li> <li>▪ <b>Katrīna Leitāne</b>, Representative of the National Youth Council of Latvia and EESC Youth Group President, EESC Group III member: the youth perspective</li> <li>▪ <b>Questions/Answers - Debate</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by: Filip de Rycke</b></p>
12:30 – 14:00	Buffet Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>SESSION 2 – ROUND TABLE: ENGAGEMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTORS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Jörg Tagger</b>, Head of Unit DG Employment, social affairs and inclusion - Unit C3 Social Dialogue: the EU Commission role in supporting social dialogue, in particular at the workplace</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr/Ms XX</b>, Vice-President of CCE: Horizon 2030-2050</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr/Ms XX</b>, Member of the CNT - Involvement of the social partners in social aspects of the transition - (tbc)</li> <li>▪ <b>Maria Mateeva-Kazakova</b>, Senior Consultant, Research Analysis and Strategy Institute: presentation of the main conclusions of the Study on NESCs</li> <li>▪ <b>Questions/Answers - Debate</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by President Bayenet (CCE)</b></p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 - 16:30	<p><b>SESSION 3 – ROUND TABLE: MODALITIES AND AMBITIONS DISPLAYED BY SOCIAL AND CIVIL DIALOGUE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Markus J. Beyrer</b>, Director General of Business Europe: social dialogue in the context of socio-economic governance</li> <li>▪ <b>Ludovic Voet</b>, Confederal Secretary of European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC): what can we expect from tomorrow social dialogue.</li> <li>▪ <b>Valeria Ronzitti</b>, Secretary-general of SGI Europe</li> <li>▪ <b>Véronique Willems</b>, Secretary general of SME United: Crafts and SME’s perspective in the face of new challenges</li> <li>▪ <b>Brikhena Xhomaqi</b>, EESC Liaison Group co-chair: civil dialogue ambitions</li> <li>▪ <b>Questions/Answers - Debate</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by President Rudi Delarue (CNT)</b></p>
16:30 – 16:50	<p><b>Concluding remarks by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Oliver Röpke</b>, President of the European Economic and Social Committee</li> <li>▪ <b>Rudi Delarue</b>, President of the National Labour Council (CNT)</li> <li>▪ <b>Benoît Bayenet</b>, President of the Central Council of the Economy (CCE)</li> </ul>

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