



Draft Agenda (March 17th)

Conference on Social Policy Innovation

*Brussels, 19-20/05/2014
Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel*

Objective and expected outcomes

- The Conference will contribute to achieve a better understanding among public authorities and relevant stakeholders on how social policy innovation can contribute to implement efficient and effective structural reforms based on a social investment perspective, as defined in the Social Investment Package. By doing so, the Conference is expected to help Member States deliver on their commitments in the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy and to contribute to the promotion of strategic partnerships for social policy innovation.
- The Conference will report on the experiences of the recent past and examine more in depth how Member States will be best supported for social policy innovation and social policy experimentation through the new Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (E@SI), in terms of knowledge-sharing, funding, capacity building and advisory services.
- The event will provide also an excellent opportunity to analyze how the priority given to social policy innovation in the new programming period of the European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds, in particular the European Social Fund, has started to be implemented by Member States.
- The role of evidence-based research and knowledge sharing for implementing innovative social policy reforms will be considered, building also on the activities developed in this field by other DGs.
- Building on the stocktaking in the above areas, the Conference will bring to a large number of key stakeholders, from public and private sector, a legacy of social policy innovation. The outcomes of the Conference will feed into current DG EMPL work on social policy innovation, including the forthcoming knowledge bank, and will contribute to identify the way forward in this area for the next Commission.

Organisation of the sessions

Commissioner Andor will open the Conference commenting on the lessons learnt and inviting Mr Giovannini and Mr Vandembroucke to present their analysis and reflection, followed by an introductory speech that will provide an adequate overview framework for the discussions.

The Conference is structured in four thematic sessions, where in-depth thematic discussions will be devoted to the following topics:

1. Social Policy reforms: the role of social policy innovation, social investments and knowledge-sharing
2. Social policy innovation: using the potential of ESI Funds
3. Partnerships for innovation in social policies
4. Evidence-based research relevant for policy making

Show-casing sessions on social policy innovations are envisaged during the first day for a more detailed presentation of relevant, successful and innovative social policy experiences and new emerging activities.

Participants in the conference will also have the opportunity of networking/ speed dating in an informal setting in the morning of the second day.

In addition, the Commission will provide onsite practical orientation/support on topics identified by the participants regarding Social Policy Innovation, E@SI, partnerships, capacity building, etc.

Finally, the closing session will look at the way forward on the role of social policy innovation to support delivery on the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

Monday, 19 May 2014

11:00–12:30	Registration of participants	
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12:00-13:00	Lunch-buffet	<i>(Room xxx)</i>
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13:15-14:15	Opening session	<i>(Room xxx)</i>
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Welcome and opening speech

Andor László *(European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion)*
"Social policy innovation: lessons learnt and exploring the way forward"

Special address by

Maire Mc Geoghegan Quinn *(European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and science)*
TBC
"Social innovation and the research agenda".

Followed by introductory interventions by

Enrico Giovannini *(Former Italian minister for Labor and Social Policies – OECD)*
"Building our socio-economic future:
Role of social impact investment and social policy innovation"

Frank Vandebroucke *(Prof. Leuven University)*
"Innovative social investment approaches in reforming social policies
and social protection systems and services"

14:30-16.00	Session 1:	<i>(Room xxx)</i>
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**Social Policy reforms:
the role of social policy innovation, social investments and knowledge-sharing**

Main speaker :

Lieve Franssen *(Director EU2020: Social Policies, European Commission)*

Moderator:

TBC

Panelists :

Bruno Palier *(FR - Science PO)*

Costas Stavrakis *(CY – innovation around the program country)*

Henk Kool *(Vice Major The Hague and Chair of Eurocities Social Affairs Forum) TBC*

Davor Dominkus *(SI – innovating in Long-Term Care)*

Heinz K. Becker *(AT MEP – Structural social Innovation at policy level)*

16:00-17:30 Show-casing sessions: Social Policy innovations

3 or 4 parallel sessions will be held in different meeting rooms. Each of the sessions will include several presentations aimed at sharing innovative social policy experiences. See proposed clusters and suggested presentations in Annex I). No interpretation is foreseen for this part of the programme.

17:30-19:00 Session 2: (Room xxx)
Social policy innovation: using the potential of ESI Funds

Main speaker :

Andriana Sukova-Tosheva

(Director Social Market Economy in Member States I:ESF European Commission)

Moderator:

TBC

Panelists :

Vidar Helgesen

(Norwegian minister for EEA and EU Affairs funds for innovation)

Michal Boni *(Poland - Former Minister/Modernisation of Public Administration) TBC*

Jose Manuel Fresno

(ES – Coordinator of the investment evaluation ESF ES multiregional programme: a smart social investment

*Tarja Heinonen**(Finland CITI LAB-social innovation at regional level funded by DG REGIO)"TBC*

Zeljko Jovanovic

(Open Society Foundations Roma Initiatives)TBC

Eva Solkova

(CZ ESF managing authority) TBC

19:00-22.00 Dinner (Crown Plaza Hotel):. xxx

Tuesday, 20 May 2014

08:00–09:30 Informal networking café

Participants in the conference will have the opportunity to engage in networking/ speed dating in an informal setting. This will be also a moment where the European Commission can provide general information and advice.

09:30-11.30 Session 3: (running in parallel to session 4)(Room xxx)
Strengthening partnerships for successful social policy innovation

Main Speaker:

Ariadne Rodert *(European Economic and Social Committee - SE)*

Moderator:

Axel De Martene *(Cabinet of Commissioner Barnier TBC)*

Panelists:

Stefan Schaffer (King Baudouin Foundation -Active ageing) (TBC)
Marieke Huysentruit - (BENISI, i- propeller).
John Halloran ESN (European Services Network).
James Vaccaro (Triodos Bank TBC)
Florian Pomper (Caritas Viena – Innovating management on services)
Jacques Spelkens (GDF Suez Private Sector Innovation)

09:30-11.30 **Session 4:** (running in parallel to session 3) (Room xxx)

Evidence-based research relevant for policy making

Main Speaker:

Maurizio Ferrera (Prof. Milan University)

Moderator:

Marion Dewar Cabinet of Commissioner Geoghegan Quinn

Panelists: **Jeremy Millard** (UK - TEPSIE)

Georg Mildenberger (Center for social investment \Heidelberg

Joseph Hochgerner ZSI Center for Social Innovation Vienna - TBC

Bea Cantillon (Research on reference budgets).

Joakim Palme (SE Upsala University)

11:30-12:30 **End of the Conference** (presence of Commissioner Andor to be considered). (Room xxx)
The Way Forward : The role of social policy innovation in the renewed agenda for delivering the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy

Concluding remarks by

Michel Servoz (Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission)

Heather Roy (Social Platform)

Tom Dominique (SPC Chair)

12:30-14:00 **Buffet networking and Departure of Participants** (Room xxx)

Notes

1. The Conference will be organized partially coinciding with the SPC meeting. Arrangements would be made to allow presence of SPC members at a specific moment of the event.
2. In the afternoon evening of the same day (20th of May) it will take place the Ceremony Event of the Second European Prize on Social Innovation organized by DG ENTR.

Annex I:

Show Casing Sessions

Social Policy Innovations:

Initial clustering of topics envisaged for the presentations

(To be followed by detailed information of presentations at a later stage)

A. Inclusion of youth in complex situations:

B. Investment on children and reconciling work and family life

C. Financial inclusion

D. Confronting homelessness:

E. ESF/experiences in Roma inclusion

F. Support services for testing social policy innovations

G. Evidence-based social investment returns

H. Active Ageing, Independent Living and LTC

I. Other policy experiences and ESF activities: