Jobs for Europe: The Employment Policy Conference

Brussels, Charlemagne, 6-7 September 2012

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*Speakers confirmed, unless indicated otherwise*

**Opening plenary: Building a dynamic European labour market**
*(transition, skills, mobility)*

Thursday 6 September, 9:00 – 10:20

**Chairs:**  
László Andor, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Koos Richelle, Director-General, European Commission - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

**Opening speeches:**  
José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament

Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council *(tbc)*

**Keynote speech:**  
Christopher Pissarides, London School of Economics

**Questions & Answers**

**Special keynote speeches**
Thursday 6 September, 12:30 – 13:00

Angel Gurría, Secretary General, OECD

Mario Monti, Prime Minister of Italy
Stream A: Impact of the crisis on employment

Rapporteur for the stream:
   Raymond Torres, Director, International Institute for Labour Studies

Fighting unemployment in the "programme countries"
Thursday 6 September, 10:40 – 12:20

Chair:            Horst Reichenbach, Head of the EU Task Force for Greece
Panellists:       Richard Bruton, Minister of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Ireland
                 Pedro Silva Martins, Secretary of State for Employment, Portugal
                 Manos Matsaganis, Athens University of Economics and Business

Jobless households – the link between employment and poverty
Thursday 6 September, 14:30 – 16:15

Chair:            Ana Revenga, Director, Poverty Reduction and Equity Group, World Bank
Panellists:       Fintan Farrell, European Anti-Poverty Network
                 Maria Jepsen, Director, European Trade Union Institute
                 Irena Topinska, Warsaw University and CASE

Wages – adjustment and strategies
Thursday 6 September, 16:45 – 18:30

Chair:            Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies
Panellists:       Michel Aglietta, CEPII (tbc)
                 Stefan Collignon, LSE and Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies
                 Stefano Scarpetta, OECD
Stream B: Employment policy throughout the life cycle

Rapporteur for the stream: Martine Durand, Chief Statistician, OECD

Barriers to women's employment (work-life balance)
Thursday 6 September, 10:40 – 12:20

Chair: Hanne Bjurstrøm, Labour Minister of Norway
Panellists: Francesca Bettio, University of Siena
Christa Randzio-Plath, University of Hamburg (tbc)
Robert Anderson, Eurofound

Youth – what has the YOI achieved and what is next?
Thursday 6 September, 14:30 – 16:15

Chair: MEP Pervenche Berès, Chair of the Employment Committee of the European Parliament
Panellists: Enrico Rossi, President, Toscana region
Günther Lambertz, German Chambers of Commerce and Trade
Peter Matjašič, President, European Youth Forum

Active ageing – the labour market dimension
Thursday 6 September, 16:45 – 18:30

Chair: Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director, Eurofound
Panellists: Aart de Geus, Member of the Executive Board, Bertelsmann Stiftung
Anne-Sophie Parent, Secretary General, AGE Europe
Claudia Menne, Confederal Secretary, ETUC
Stream C: Pathways to full employment

Rapporteur for the stream: Dan Corry, Chief Executive, New Philanthropy Capital

From welfare to work: activation and job creation
Thursday 6 September, 10:40 – 12:20

Chair: José Albino Silva Peneda, President of the Economic and Social Council, Portugal
Panellists: Herwig Immervoll, Senior Economist and Social Protection Specialist, World Bank
           Mik Woolley, Chair of the Employment Committee
           Pavlina R. Tcherneva, Franklin and Marshall College, US

Developing the social economy
Thursday 6 September, 14:30 – 16:15

Chair: Marguerite Mendell, Concordia University, Montreal
Panellists: José María Aldecoa, Chairman, Mondragon (tbc)
           Aurélie Duprés, European Network for Social Integration Enterprises
           Thorkil Sonne, Founder, Specialisterne

Job guarantee – concept and implementation
Thursday 6 September, 16:45 – 18:30

Chair: Koos Richelle, Director-General, European Commission - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Panellists: Bill Mitchell, University of Newcastle, Australia
           Frank-Jürgen Weise, Director-General, Bundesagentur für Arbeit
           France Joubert, President, Centre Européen de Ressources pour les Groupements d'Employeurs
Parallel sessions: Sectors with high job-creation potential
Friday 7 September, 9:00 – 10:45

**Green economy**
Chair: Janez Potočnik, EU Commissioner for Environment
Panellists: Christine Evans-Klock, Director, Skills and Employability Department, ILO
Emmanuel Combet, International Research Centre on Environment and Development
Claus Hviid Christensen, Head of Emerging Technology, Group R&D, DONG Energy (tbc)

**White (coat) jobs**
Chair: John Dalli, EU Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy
Panellists: Dirk Cuypers, President of the Board of Directors, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium
Marianne Olsson, President, European Health Management Association
Romuald Krajewski, President, Union européenne de médecins spécialistes (UEMS) (tbc)

**ICT jobs**
Chair: Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda
Panellists: Wu Choy Peng, CIO of Neptune Orient Lines and former CIO of the Government of Singapore
Oliver Bussman, CIO of SAP
Vincenzo Spiezia, Senior Economist, International Institute for Labour Studies
Closing plenary session
Friday 7 September, 11:15 – 13:00

Chair: László Andor, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Summaries of the three 3 streams from Thursday by the 3 rapporteurs (20 min.)
Raymond Torres, Director, International Institute for Labour Studies
Martine Durand, Chief Statistician, OECD
Dan Corry, Chief Executive, New Philanthropy Capital

Concluding roundtable
Guy Ryder, Director General-Elect, ILO
Bernadette Ségol, Secretary General, ETUC
Philippe De Buck, Director General, BusinessEurope