

## Conference programme

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### **The future of pensions in Europe**

Taking stock and looking ahead two years after the White Paper

26 March 2014

Venue: Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre, Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Brussels

Chair of the day: Alex Puissant (journalist)

Working languages: EN, FR

#### **From 8h15 onwards Registration of participants**

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#### **9h00 to 9h10 Opening speech**

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- **László Andor**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

#### **9h10 to 9h30 Keynote speech**

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- **Axel Börsch-Supan**, Director, Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Germany

#### **9h30 to 11h00 Panel discussion *Towards a better balance between time spent in work and retirement***

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Introduction: **László Andor**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Panelists:

- **Ria Oomen-Ruijten**, MEP
- **Yannick Moreau**, Conseil d'État, France *TBC*
- **Platon Tinios**, University of Piraeus
- **Bernadette Ségol**, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

Discussion

**László Andor:** Wrapping-up - what remains to be done

**11h00 to 11h30**                      **Coffee Break**

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**11h30 to 13h00**                      **Panel discussion *The role of supplementary pensions/savings in long-term financing and safe and adequate retirement***

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Introduction: **Michel Barnier**, European Commissioner for the Internal Market and Services

Panelists:

- **Steve Webb**, Minister of State for Pensions, UK
- **Zoltán Balog**, Minister for Human Resources, Hungary *TBC*
- **Jetta Klijnsma**, State Secretary for Social Affairs and Employment, Netherlands
- **Joanne Segars**, Chair, PensionsEurope
- **Michaela Koller**, Director General, Insurance Europe
- **Markus Beyrer**, Director General, BusinessEurope *TBC*

Discussion

**Nadia Calvino**, Deputy Director-General for the Internal Market and Services, European Commission: Wrapping-up - what remains to be done

**13h00 to 14h30**                      **Lunch**

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**14h30 to 16h00**                      **Panel discussion *Pension reforms and their contribution to sustainable public finances***

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Introduction: **Olli Rehn**, Vice-President, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Euro

Panelists:

- **Alexander De Croo**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Pensions, Belgium *TBC*
- **Ioannis Vrotsis**, Minister of Labour, Social Security and Welfare, Greece *TBC*
- **Thomas Dominique**, Chair, Social Protection Committee
- **Peter Part**, Chair of the Working Group on Ageing Populations and Sustainability, Economic Policy Committee

Discussion

**Olli Rehn:** Wrapping-up - what remains to be done

**16h00 to 16h30**                      **Coffee Break**

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**16h30 to 18h00**                      **Panel discussion** *What pensions for future generations of Europeans?*

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- A Vision for first pillar pensions – **Bernard Casey**, University of Warwick & London School of Economics
- A Vision for second pillar pensions – **Yves Stevens**, KU Leuven
- MEPs *TBC*
- **Gerard Riemen**, Director of the Federation of Dutch Pension Funds, President of the European Association of Paritarian Institutions of Social Protection

**18h00 to 18h15**                      **Closing addresses**

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- **Pervenche Berès**, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee, European Parliament *TBC*
- **Michel Servoz**, Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission