INVITATION
27–28 April 2017, Brussels

EUROPE: REWRITE THE RULES FOR SHARED PROSPERITY

European Dialogue 2017

#EUDialogue17
Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Colleagues,

Europe is in dire straits. The USA under President Trump is banking on deals and nation states; the upcoming elections in France and Germany will set the direction for the further development of the European Union.

Many people find it increasingly difficult to see in the European unification process a path to greater prosperity and growth. They are turning away from Europe and towards parties critical of Europe.

The European answer cannot be: keep it coming.

Europe needs new rules for prosperity for all. We will discuss in the European Dialogue 2017 how these new rules must be framed, what they represent and who has to be involved.

We are pleased that Pierre Moscovici, EU-Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, is coming to the European Dialogue to lead the debate with us.

You are cordially welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely,

Reiner Hoffmann
President of the Confederation of Confederation of German Trade Unions and Chairman of the Executive Board of the Hans Böckler Foundation

Michael Guggemos
Spokesman of the Management Board of the Hans-Böckler-Foundation
11:30  **Registration and snack**

12:30  **Opening and Welcome**
Michael Guggemos,
Spokesman for the Management Board of the Hans-Böckler-Foundation

**Introduction to the Keynote**
Gustav Horn,
Scientific Director, Macroeconomic Policy Institute, Hans-Böckler-Foundation

12:45  **Keynote speech:**
**Opportunities and hazards of prosperity for all**
Barry Eichengreen,
Professor of Economics and Political Sciences, University of California, Berkeley

**Moderation:** Melinda Crane, Deutsche Welle TV

14:30  **Break**

15:00  **Parallel workshops:**

**Workshop 1**
**Growing together in Europe**

**Growing together in Europe – What are the issues?**
Andrew Watt, Macroeconomic Policy Institute, Hans-Böckler-Foundation

**Achieving balanced growth – a role for EU unemployment insurance**
Laszlo Andor, former EU-Commissioner for Employment, Senior Research Fellow of the IMK
Creating needed fiscal space in crisis countries
Jorge Uxo, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Madrid

Reform of the financial sector for crisis-free growth
Helene Schuberth, the Austrian National Bank, Vienna

What reforms to enable Europe to grow together
Panel discussion
Karl Pichelmann, the EU-Commission’s DG Economic and Financial Affairs, Brussels
Maria João Rodrigues, Vice-President of the S&D Party in the European Parliament (tbc)
Luca Visentini, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation, Brussels
Jerome Creel, Observatoire français des conjonctures économiques, Paris
James Watson, Chief Economist Business Europe, Brussels

Moderation: Melinda Crane, Deutsche Welle TV

Workshop 2

Part 1: Trends of economic insecurity and inequality in Europe

Social inequalities in Europe – The challenge of convergence and cohesion
Frank Vandenbroucke, Amsterdam University

Social inequality in Europe – the impact of monetary and labour market integration
Jon-Erik Dolvik, FAFO Institute of Applied Social Sciences, Oslo, Norway

In-work poverty in Europe – causes and consequences
Dorothee Spannagel/Karin Schulze-Buschoff, The Institute of Economic and Social Research (WSI), Hans-Böckler-Foundation

Moderation: Anke Hassel, Scientific Director, The Institute of Economic and Social Research (WSI), Hans-Böckler-Foundation
Part 2: Rules for shared prosperity: How do European social policies and welfare states interact?

The pillar of social rights and the integration of European welfare states
Georg Fischer, EU Commission, Brussels

How can the EU better deliver on its social goals for national citizens and workers?
Catelene Passchier, Vice President of the Dutch Trade Union Confederation FNV

Problems arising from the Court as a social rights generator
Susanne Schmidt, University of Bremen

Moderation: Daniel Seikel, The Institute of Economic and Social Research (WSI), Hans-Böckler-Foundation

18:30 Reception and dinner
09:30  **Keynote speech:**  
**Europe 3.0**  
Pierre Moscovici, EU-Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs

**Thereafter in dialogue with:**  
Anke Hassel, Scientific Director, The Institute of Economic and Social Research (WSI), Hans-Böckler-Foundation

Gustav Horn, Scientific Director, Macroeconomic Policy Institute, Hans-Böckler-Foundation

Maria Jepsen, Director of the Research Department, European Trade Union Institute

**Moderation:** Melinda Crane, Deutsche Welle TV

12:00  **Snack and end of conference**
INFORMATION

Host of the event  Hans Böckler Foundation in conjunction with the European Trade Union Institute

Event location  Albert Hall
Chaussee de Wavre, 649-651
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Closing date for registration  24 March 2017
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Please note that the accommodation costs of early arrivals are very high owing to a major trade fair in Brussels (Seafood Fair). The Hans Böckler Foundation cannot assume such costs.
INFORMATION

Languages
The conference languages are German, English and French.

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