

INVITATION

27–28 April 2017, Brussels

EUROPE: REWRITE THE RULES FOR SHARED PROSPERITY

European Dialogue 2017

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EUROPEAN DIALOGUE 2017

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

PROGRAMME

Thu, 27 April 2017

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**

PROGRAMM

Fri, 28 April 2017

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**
Registration is binding and will be confirmed along with the travel instructions after the closing date for registration.
- Organisation/ registration** Hans-Böckler-Foundation
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- Registration is no guarantee of attendance.
After the closing date for registration you will receive a reply stating whether you can attend the conference.
- 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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Sound recordings**

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