

ONLINE CONFERENCE

Wednesday 9 November 2022

10.30 am – 12.30 pm

“The European Pillar of Social Rights: Five years on”

The European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR), proclaimed in Gothenburg in November 2017, sets out 20 principles and rights essential for fair and well-functioning labour markets and social protection systems. The EPSR Action Plan, adopted in May 2021, proposes headline targets for the EU to reach by 2030. However, five eventful years after the Pillar was proclaimed and in the context of Russia’s war in Ukraine and the cost-of-living crisis, where does the EU stand on implementing the EPSR and meeting the three Action Plan’s targets?

Programme

- 10:30 *Three ambitious targets: Employment, Skills, and Poverty Reduction*
Elizabeth Kuiper, Associate Director and Head of the Social Europe and Well-being programme, European Policy Centre
- 10:45 *The European Pillar of Social Rights: Five years on*
Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
Klaus Heeger, Secretary General at European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI)
- 11:00 *Parallel Workshop Sessions*
Workshop 1: Halving the gender employment gap by 2030
Katarina Ivankovic-Knezevic, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, DG EMPL, European Commission

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Attila Bóhm, Policy and Advocacy Officer, COFACE – Families Europe

Maria Jepsen, Deputy Director, Eurofound

Agnes Mach, Policy officer, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU Office

Danielle Brady, Junior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (moderator)

Workshop 2: Creating more and better jobs to reach 78% of adult employment by 2030

László Andor, Secretary General, FEPS

Silvia Rainone, Researcher, European Trade Union Institute

Ana-Carla Pereira, Cabinet Expert for Commissioner Nicolas Schmit

Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

Tommaso Grossi, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (moderator)

Workshop 3: Five million children out of poverty by 2030

Maria Baroni, Policy Officer, Social Policies, Child Guarantee, SPC, DG EMPL, European Commission

Christian Morabito, Senior Expert, FEPS and Forum Disuguaglianze Diversità

Peter Verhaeghe, Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Caritas Europa

Laura Rayner, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (moderator)

12:15

Closing remarks and reflections

Elizabeth Kuiper, Associated Director and Head of the Social Europe and Well-being programme, European Policy Centre

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