



**Workshop: Social consequences of the crisis - analyses and proposals
22 – 23 February 2013, Brussels**

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Day 1, Friday, February 22nd

09:00 Welcome & brief introduction to the topic

Pierre Jonckheer (GEF Co-President)

09:20 Introduction to the agenda, introduction of the participants, expectations, specific questions

10:20 Coffee break

10:30 Europe in crisis. The social consequences

- Preparatory exercise by participants in working groups: mapping the social policies (labour laws and social welfare) in their countries since 2008.
- Feedback to participants' input by labour law specialist *Stefan Clauwaert (ETUI)*

12:30 Lunch break

13:30 EU and social policy: competences, historical development, funds available, linking social and economic policy

- *Pierre Jonckheer (GEF)*
- Questions and answers

14:45 EU and social policy: key policy concerns, a European social model?

- *Petros Linardos Rulmond (Greek Workers General Confederation)* and *Christophe Degryse (ETUI)*
- Interpretation to/from French; fish bowl plenary with reactions from the audience

16:45 Break

17:15 *Key issues at stake.*

A minimum income in the EU

- What would a EU minimum income involve? What are the different models?
- Input from: *Sian Jones (European Anti Poverty Network)* followed by working groups with the participants

18:30 Conclusions, questions, general evaluation after day 1

18:45 end of working day

20:00 common dinner

Day 2, Saturday, February 23rd

09:00 *Key issues at stake*

New jobs, green jobs: Job creation in the EU

- How to create jobs in time of recession, while governments focus on austerity rather than investment?
- Discussion with **Ryan Meade (consultant, Irish Greens)** and **Guillaume Duval (editor in chief Alternatives Economiques)**

10:45 Break

11:00 Social policy highlights for the Greens

2 parallel working groups with content input

1. *Combating youth unemployment: the youth guarantee.* Speakers: **Peter Matjasic (President, European Youth Forum)** and **Terry Reintke (Spokesperson FYEG)**
2. *Pensions: decent, fair and mobile.* Speakers: **Aurelie Marechal (EGP Pensions working group)**

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 Preparation of working groups presentations & presentations of the key results of the working groups to the plenary

15:00 What can EU do to finance social policies?

- The role of EU in tackling tax heavens and fighting tax evasion. Input: **John Christensen (President Tax Justice Network)**

16:00- 16.20 Break

16.20 Building the case for the Green social policy proposals at EU level

- World Café: participants seated at tables, discussing the question of what should the key elements of Green social policy be and how can these be “sold” to the public

18.00 Evaluation, feedback, conclusions

19:00 end of the programme

20:00 Goodbye dinner