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The Welfare State Transformation and
the Future Role of Paritarian Funds

Yannis Natsis is the Director of the European Social Insurance Platform (ESIP), the umbrella organisation bringing together 45 national statutory social security institutions from 18 countries.

ESIP is the voice of social protection and security in Europe or as Yannis puts it one of Europe's truest treasures.

He has more than 10 years of experience in EU advocacy and policymaking. Prior to joining ESIP in February 2022, he led the advocacy for better and affordable medicines at the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA). In May 2019, he was appointed by EU Member States to the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), a position he held until December 2021. Additionally, Yannis has been a Board member of the European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG), the leading EU health policy platform since 2018.

Yannis previously worked for the TransAtlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD) focusing on health and pharmaceutical policies. From 2006-2010, he was an investigative reporter for Greece's award-winning TV news programme "Fakeli" and a contributor to one of Greece's most respected dailies "Kathimerini".

He has a Master's degree in International Conflict Analysis from the University of Kent, UK and a Bachelor's Degree in European Studies from Panton University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens, Greece. A Greek national, he is fluent in Greek, English and French.



Anton Hemerijck is Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the European University Institute. Trained as an economist at Tilburg University in the Netherlands, he took his doctorate from Oxford University in 1992. Between 2009 and 2013, he was Dean of the Faculty of the Social Sciences at the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam.



From 2013 and 2017, he was Centennial Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He also directed the *Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR)*, the principle think tank in the Netherlands, while holding a professorship in Comparative European Social Policy at the Erasmus University Rotterdam from 2001 until 2009.

Over the past decade he frequently served as an advisor on social policy, social investment and the welfare state for the European Commission. Currently, he is a member of the High-Level Group on the Future of Social Protection and the Welfare State for the European Commission. Key publications include *Changing Welfare States* (2013) and *The Uses of Social Investment* (2017), both published with Oxford University Press.

Most recent book, written with Robin Huguenot-Noel, is *Resilient Welfare States in the European Union*, published with Agenda. In 2020, Anton Hemerijck won an ERC Advanced Grant for the research project WellSIRe - Wellbeing Returns on Social Investment Recalibration.



Suvi-Anne Siimes is the Managing Director of the Finnish Pension Alliance TELA, which looks after the interests of all authorized pension providers operating in Finland.

She came to TELA more than ten years ago from the position of lobbyist in the pharmaceutical industry. Her previous background was in national politics, where she worked as a party leader, a government minister and a member of parliament. However, Suvi-Anne's original dream was a career as a researcher. With this in mind, a long time ago she was pursuing both postgraduate studies in economics and academic teaching assignments.

Suvi-Anne has a Licentiate of Social Sciences Degree (Economics) from the University of Helsinki. She also has extensive experience of serving on the boards of various large limited companies operating in regulated industries.

Sibylle Reichert became Executive Director of AIM, the International Association of Mutual Benefit Societies, in June 2019. AIM has 52 members in 28 countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. AIM promotes and defends its members' interests in European and international institutions.

Based on its values, such as solidarity, not for profit and democracy, AIM strives for cost-efficient and high-quality health systems, strengthened health mutual and social benefit societies, recognised as such for their value in social economy as well as health and social protection for all without inequalities.

Before joining AIM, Sibylle worked as Head of the Brussels Office for the Federation of Dutch Pension Funds from 2009 to 2019. From 2003 to 2009, she was Director for the Relations with the European Institutions of the European Association of Paritarian Institutions (AEIP). She started her career in international companies as a Marketing and Project Manager.

Sibylle holds a master's degree in French and Spanish Philology and in Business Administration.



In May 2019, S&D Vice President **Gabriele Bischoff** has been elected as Member of the European Parliament for the Socialists and Democrats Group. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee for Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) and as full member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL). She commits her parliamentary work to core social-democratic topics including a fair and functioning European labor market, decent minimum wages and more democracy at the workplace.

Gabriele Bischoff began her working career at the Berlin Institute for Social Research and the FHW Berlin School of Economics. In 1990, she started to work for the German Metal Workers Union (IGM) as a Senior Advisor and subsequently as Head of department for equality. In 2000, she worked at the Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU as Social Attaché in Brussels. After that, she took up the position as a Senior Advisor for the EU Presidency in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in Germany. Between 2008 and 2014, she was Head of the European Policy Department at the Federal Executive of DGB. Gabriele Bischoff had been the President of the Workers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee from 2015 until 2019.

She is Vice-President of the German federalist organization “Europa-Union” in Germany and a member of European Academy Berlin e.V. Gabriele Bischoff studied Political Science at the Universities of Marburg and Berlin and holds a diploma in political science from the Free University of Berlin.





Maxime Cerutti was appointed Director of BUSINESSEUROPE's Social Affairs department in January 2012. He is responsible for a diverse portfolio of social affairs and labour market policy issues as well as the day-to-day management of the department. He also coordinates BUSINESSEUROPE's engagement as a social partner in the context of the European social dialogue.

Maxime joined BUSINESSEUROPE in November 2007 as social affairs adviser. Prior to this, he worked between 2005 and 2007 as a policy officer at the European Youth Forum in Brussels. He started his professional career with a six-month internship at the French ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris, where he followed the work of the EU Council on Employment and Social Affairs.

Graduated in European law and political science, Maxime holds a Master degree from Sciences Po Paris, a double law degree from the university of Bordeaux in France and the university of Canterbury in the UK, and he participated in a summer session at the University of California at Berkeley in the United States. His mother tongue is French. He speaks English fluently, is at ease in Italian, and is a basic user of German and Spanish.



Dr Ben Allen is Director of Research at the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP). He holds a degree in Environmental Biology and a PhD in the field of Land Use and Spatial Ecology and has over ten years of experience working on EU land use, bioenergy, agriculture, climate and land management policy in both the public and private sector.

Ben's skills relate to the development of sustainability criteria and benchmarks to support the integration of environment and climate objectives in economic activities. In this role he is the co-rapporteur for the technical working group of the European platform on sustainable finance.

He has a particular understanding and interpretation of the dynamics between different land uses and their drivers, including sectoral policies such as climate and energy, agriculture, forestry and transport policy, having played a central role in a range of studies in this area.



Matthies Verstegen is the Head of Brussels office of the Dutch Federation of Pension Funds. In this capacity Matthies represents Dutch pension funds with the European institutions. Amongst others he focuses on sustainable finance issues, the review of the IORP Directive and financial market regulation.

Matthies joined from PensionsEurope where he also focused on sustainable finance issues. He has held other roles at CBI and various Brussels-based consultancy firms, with a focus on financial services. Prior to that, he worked at a non-profit organization in Berlin.

Matthies studied European Studies and European Politics in Maastricht, Edinburgh and Mannheim.



Antje Schneeweiß is a member of the German government's Sustainable Finance Advisory Council and rapporteur for the social taxonomy on the EU Commission's Sustainable Investment Platform.

After completing her master's degree in philosophy and English, Antje Schneeweiß initially worked for sustainable asset management companies until 1996, when she took over the department of "socially responsible investments" at the SÜDWIND institute. Since the end of 2020, she works as the general secretary of the Working Group of Church Investors of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD).

She has published, among other things, the "Kursbuch Ethische Geldanlagen" with Fischer Taschenbuchverlag, as well as studies on commodity investments, microcredits, the impact of sustainable investments, green bonds and a social taxonomy.

Renato Guerriero is Chief Sales & Distribution Officer, Member of the Group Strategic Committee since May 2016 and Member of the Executive Committee since December 2014.



Renato Guerriero, holds a University Degree in Economics from the Perugia University. He started his career in finance in Brussels in 1999, working for Morgan Guaranty Trust. He joined the Institutional Sales team of Candriam in September 1999. Two years later he took the challenge to start up the Italian activities of Candriam and completed his course of studies with an Asset Management Program at Bocconi University. He also attended an Executive MBA Program at the Vlerick Business School in Belgium. Between May 2011 and January 2018, he has been Global Head of EMEA Client Relations at Candriam IG. His current business division covers Candriam sales offices located in Brussels, Paris, London, Luxembourg, Amsterdam, Milan, Madrid, Frankfurt, Geneva, Zürich, Dubai and New York.

Consultant relations, RFP activities, relationships with Global Financial Institutions and dedicated sales teams for Insurance and Pension clients fall also under Renato's responsibility. Renato speaks four European languages fluently. He is the former Chairman and still a board member of AEIP.



André Snellen (1967) has been member of the board of trustees of the industry wide pension fund for the retail sector from 2008, acting as chairman from 2014. He has been member of the board of the federation of Dutch pension funds from 2014 as well. The investment committee of the Federation is his in his portfolio and as such he acts as chairman of the national ESG committee on a covenant for the pension sector in the Netherlands.

André Snellen studied Economic Psychology at Tilburg University (Netherlands) and Psychologie Economique at the Université René Descartes (Paris V) in Paris (France). He also attended academic courses on pension funds at the Rotman School of Management (Toronto, Canada) and at Nyenrode University (Netherlands). André is member of the pensions committee of VNO NCW (Dutch broad employers' organization) and of "Detailhandel Nederland" (employers' organization in the Dutch retail sector). He also acts as temporary managing director of the pension fund of the 22 General Electric companies in the Netherlands and is independent chairman of their Employee Benefits Consultation Board. Since 2015 André is a member of the supervisory board of the real estate funds of 'Syntrus Achmea Real Estate & Finance', an investment company holding some € 9 billion in real estate.

André is entrepreneur since 1996 and is founder and shareholder of several smaller companies in the Netherlands in the ICT and financial services.



Sirpa Pietikäinen is a member of the European People's Party (EPP) in the European Parliament. She is a former Minister of the Environment in Finland (1991-1995), and a Member of the parliament from 1983 to 2003 and Member of the European Parliament since 2008.

At the European Parliament, Ms Pietikäinen is a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee and Women's Right and Gender Equality Committee, and a substitute member of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee. Within her work, she seeks to combine her two specialities, that of environment and economics. Ms Pietikäinen is a strong advocate of a transition to a circular economy and sustainable finance, and served as the lead negotiator on behalf of European Parliament and the EPP group on the first Sustainable Finances legislative initiatives, Disclosure and Taxonomy Regulations as well as on the Parliament's Own Initiative Report on Sustainable Finance.