

# AEIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

## SOCIETAL ROLE OF PARITARIAN INSTITUTIONS

14<sup>th</sup> November // 10h00-16h00 CET

Residence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels

9:30-10:00	Registrations and welcome coffee
10:00-10:05	Welcome from AEIP President <b>Katja VEIRTO</b> , President, AEIP; Director of Public Relations, ELO
10:05-10:30	Keynote speech <b>Mario NAVA</b> , Director General, DG EMPL, European Commission
10:30-10:50	<b>Introductory speech on European elections: results and implications for social policies.</b> <b>Elizabeth KUIPER</b> , Associate Director and Head of the Social Europe and Well-being, European Policy Centre (EPC)
10:50-11:40	<b>Panel 1: SOCIAL PROTECTION &amp; POLITICS</b>  <i>2024 is a record-breaking year for elections, with more than 2 billion voters in 50 countries heading to the polls. Governments have an active role in providing social services to their citizens, to promote social and economic well-being. At the same time paritarian institutions of social protection have historically played a crucial role in providing multiple societal benefits to workers. Esteemed experts and influential leaders from the field of social protection will converge to engage in an insightful dialogue that explores the future of social protection in view of ongoing political and legislative developments.</i>  Moderator: <b>Janne PELKONEN</b> , Senior Adviser, TELA  Speakers:  <b>Paul SCHOUKENS</b> , Professor of Social Security Law, KU Leuven University <b>Antero KIVINIEMI</b> , Senior Specialist in Social Policy, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU <b>Maciej KUCHARCZYK</b> , Secretary General, Age Platform <b>Elizabeth KUIPER</b> , Associate Director and Head of the Social Europe and Well-being, European Policy Centre (EPC)
11:40-11:55	Coffee break
11:55-12:10	<b>THE IMPORTANCE OF PARITARIAN INSTITUTIONS IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH</b> <b>Peter KERCKHOFS</b> , Research Manager, Working life research unit, Eurofound
12:10-13:00	<b>Panel 2: STRENGTHENING SOCIAL DIALOGUES IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR</b>  <i>Social dialogue plays an important role in the construction sector, contributing to the overall sustainability, efficiency, and well-being of the industry. It fosters better relationships between employers and workers' representatives and enhances better working conditions and workplace safety. Effective social dialogue is crucial for addressing the evolving needs of the workforce, including vocational training opportunities and skill development. The panelists will explore ongoing initiatives, projects, and ways forward to strengthen social dialogue in the construction sector.</i>  Moderator: <b>Thorsten GUTHKE</b> , Head of European Office, SOKA-BAU  Speakers:  <b>Marta PRADANOS GONZALEZ</b> , DG EMPL C.3., Social Dialogue, European Commission <b>Tom DELEU</b> , General Secretary, EFBWW <b>Christine LE FORESTIER</b> , Director Social Affairs (SOC), FIEC <b>Kristof VAN ROY</b> , Manager, Constructiv

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Networking Lunch

### **COSTS AND BENEFITS OF COLLECTIVITY AND SOLIDARITY**

14:15 - 14:35

**Onno STEENBEEK**, Director of Strategic Portfolio Advice, APG Asset Management; Professor of Finance, Erasmus University School of Economics; Member of the OPSG, EIOPA

**Ronald HEIJN**, Vice chairman, Pensioenfonds PGB; Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the APG Staff Pension Fund; Executive Lecturer at Nyenrode Business University

### **Panel 3: INCLUSIVE APPROACHES TO INTEGRATED WELFARE**

14:35-15:30

The panel discussion will focus on the future of welfare systems, emphasizing an integrated approach to ensure inclusivity, sustainability, and equity. Panelists will discuss how to create comprehensive welfare frameworks that foster social cohesion and economic stability, with a particular focus on how occupational welfare is evolving in relation to the first pillar to enhance social protection for all. From early childhood support to elderly care, we will explore how to create comprehensive welfare frameworks that foster social cohesion and economic stability.

Moderator: **Fabio PORCELLI**, Board Member, Assoeuropea

Speakers:

**Valdis ZAGORSKIS**, Deputy Head of Unit for Social Protection, DG EMPL D.2., European Commission

**Romain BENDAVID**, Responsible for Health Policies, CTIP

**Casper VAN EWIJK**, Professor at Tilburg University; Director of Netspar; OPSG Member

15:30-15:45

### **EUROPEAN TRACKING SERVICE FOR PENSIONS: STATE OF PLAY AND NEXT STEPS**

Presentation from **Alessandro LAUDIERO**, Secretary General Union Retraite and ETS Project Coordinator

15:45-15:50

Conclusions

**Roland SONNTAG**, Board Member, AEIP; Head of Employee Posting Procedure, SOKA-BAU

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