

## ***Engaging younger generations: the future of ESCs***

Annual meeting of presidents & secretaries-general of European ESCs

*The Hague, 9-10 November 2011*

### **WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2011**

13.00           Arrival of participants, registration and documentation  
Coffee & sandwiches

#### **Welcome, introduction to the central theme 'Engaging younger generations'**

14.00           Welcome, introduction to the central theme from the perspective of ESCs  
*Alexander Rinnooy Kan, host and president of the Netherlands Social and Economic Council*

#### **Session 1. Follow up on previous meeting on 'The future of social dialogue'**

Brief presentations of current state of affairs in ESCs in period of flux.

Representatives of:

- the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of France
- the Economic and Social Council of Luxembourg
- the National Economic and Social Council of Ireland
- the Economic and Social Council of Greece
- the National Economic and Social Council of Hungary
- other ESCs who want to share experiences

15.15           *Coffee break*

#### **Session 2. Intergenerational solidarity**

15.45           Introductory lecture followed by discussion  
*Hans Boutellier, director of the Verwey-Jonker Institute (institute for research into social issues) and professor in Safety and Citizenship at VU University Amsterdam*

Round table: brief presentations followed by discussion

Representatives of:

- the European Economic and Social Committee EESC
- the Council for Economic and Social Development of Finland
- other ESCs who want to share experiences

Including: wrap-up of the day

17.00           End of session

19.00           *Drinks & dinner*

## **THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2011**

9.15 Participants arrive

### **Session 3. Engaging younger generations: national experiences of ESCs**

9.30 Round table: brief presentations followed by discussion

Representatives of:

- the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of [France](#)
- the Council for Economic and Social Agreement of [Austria](#)
- the Social and Economic Council of the [Netherlands](#)
- other ESCs who want to share experiences

10.45 *Coffee break*

### **Session 4. Younger generations and labour market developments**

11.15 Introductory lecture followed by discussion

*Anne Sonnet, senior economist at OECD*

12.00 Round table: brief presentations followed by discussion

Representatives of:

- the National Economic and Social Council of [Spain](#)
- the National Economic and Social Council of [Ireland](#)
- the National Council for Economy and Labour of [Italy](#)
- the Economic and Social Council of [Bulgaria](#)
- other ESCs who want to share experiences

### **Session 5. Wrap-up and other issues to be discussed**

13.00 Wrap-up of the discussion on 'Engaging younger generations', followed by final plenary discussion

*Alexander Rinnooy Kan*

13.30 End of meeting

13.30 *Buffet lunch (at SER premises)*