



*The European Social Observatory (OSE) and the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) cordially invite you to a conference marking the publication of:*

# **Social policy in the European Union 1999-2019: the long and winding road**

**Brussels, 12 March 2020 — 9.00 - 16.30**

**Venue:** The International Auditorium, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5 – 1st floor – 1210 Brussels

## **Programme**

9.00 *Registration*

9.30 **Welcome and setting the scene**

**Philippe Pochet**, General Director, European Trade Union Institute – ETUI

**Bart Vanhercke**, Director, European Social Observatory – OSE

9.40 **Social Policy in the EU 1999-2019 – Introduction**

**Dalila Ghailani**, Senior researcher, OSE

## **Session 1. Social versus economic integration: two decades of change**

*Chair:* **Philippe Pochet**, General Director, ETUI

10.00 **Balancing fundamental social and economic rights: left to the judges?**

**Sacha Garben**, Professor of EU law, College of Europe, Bruges

10.15 **60 years of European social security coordination: achievements and controversies**

**Frederic De Wispelaere**, Researcher, HIVA, KULeuven

10.30 **Q&A with the audience**

*Introduced by* **Luc Tholoni**, Principal Advisor, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (ECFIN), European Commission

**Herwig Verschueren**, Professor of International and European Employment and Social Law, University of Antwerp

11.15 *Coffee break*

## Session 2. Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

*Chair:* **Bart Vanhercke**, Director, OSE

### 11.45 **Roundtable discussion followed by Q&A with the audience**

*Introduced by* **Krzysztof Nowaczek**, Deputy Head of Unit, DGEMPL Coordination Unit

**Maxime Cerutti**, Director, Social Affairs Department, BusinessEurope

**Marco Cilento**, Head of Institutional Policy, European Trade Union Confederation – ETUC

**Leo Williams**, Director, European Anti-Poverty Network – EAPN

13.00 *Light lunch*

## Session 3. Social Europe 1999-2019: two steps forward, one step back?

*Chair:* **Philippe Pochet**, General Director, ETUI

### 14.00 **From the Lisbon strategy to the Pillar of Social Rights: the many lives of the Social OMC**

**Bart Vanhercke**, Director, OSE

### 14.15 **Once upon a time there was the European social dialogue**

**Jean-Paul Tricart**, Associate Researcher, ETUI

### 14.30 **Q&A with the audience**

Introduced by **Amandine Crespy**, Université Libre de Bruxelles – ULB

## Session 4. Social Europe 1999-2019: key messages

*Chair:* **Bart Vanhercke**, Director, OSE

### 15.30 **Social Policy in the EU 1999-2019: key messages**

**Slavina Spasova**, Researcher, OSE and **Bart Vanhercke**, Director, OSE

### 15.50 **Twenty years of the ‘Bilan social’, twenty years of EU social policymaking**

*Introduced by* **Philippe Pochet**, General Director, ETUI and **Isabelle Schömann**, Confederal Secretary, ETUC

Plenary discussion: looking back and moving forward

16.30 *Drinks reception*

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