

MEETING EUROPE'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS
How can science, government and industry develop a common European approach for four major European economic and social issues?

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY I Monday, January 17th 2005, Tilburg University TIAS building E

- 9.15 am** **Registration at the conference desk**, coffee and tea
- 9.45 am** **Opening of the conference** by Mr. Hein van Oorschot, President of the Executive Board of Tilburg University
- 10.00 am** **Outline of the European political ambitions with regard to the economic and social issues ageing society, security, multicultural society and market liberalisation”**
By Dr. Janez Potočnik (to be confirmed), Nominee European Commissioner for Research, European Commission and Mr. Lambert van Nistelrooij, Member of the European Parliament
- 10.45 am** **Coffee and tea break**
- 11.00 am** **Introduction to the Workshop “Ageing Society, sustainable pension solutions for Europe”**
Mr. Jan Nijssen of the ING Group and Prof. Richard Suzman of the National Institute of Ageing in the US will give a brief outline of the various challenges with regard to the greying society and its impact on social security and pension systems.
- 11.40 am** **Introduction to the workshop “European Security”**
Prof. Cyrille Fijnaut of Tilburg University will reflect on the increasing interplay between internal and external security in the European Union.
- 12.10 am** **Introduction to the workshop “A multicultural European Society”**
Dr. Pierre Sané, Assistant DG for Social and Human Science at UNESCO, will describe the political and scientific challenges to achieve a balanced and prosperous multicultural European society.
- 12.35 am** **Introduction to the workshop “Structuring markets through regulation: the case of vertical separation”**
Prof. J.C. Arnbak, chairman of OPTA, the Dutch Telecommunication and Post Regulatory Authority, will describe the issues at stake with regard to the liberalisation of network industries. He will focus on structuring markets through regulation and vertical separation and will outline the challenges when trying to balance competition and regulation.
- 1 pm** **Lunch at Tilbury’s**
- 2.30 pm** **Round I Parallel workshops**

Workshop I “Ageing Society”

The social security and pensions systems of four European countries will be analysed:

1. UK: Prof. David Blake of the Pensions Institute, Cass Business School London, “Population ageing: Issues facing the UK's pension systems”
2. Poland: Prof. Marek Gora from the Warsaw School of Economics, “The Polish pension reform”
3. Germany: Dr. Christina Wilke, MEA Mannheim, “Pension reform in Germany”
4. Denmark: Prof. Anders Grosen, Arhus Business School, “The crisis in the Danish Life Insurance and Pension Fund companies”
5. The Netherlands: Prof. Lans Bovenberg, Netspar, Tilburg University, “Pension reform in The Netherlands”

Workshop II “European Security”

Prof. H-J. Albrecht of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law will introduce the workshop. A discussion will be initiated afterwards on how to formulate a common European approach to the issue.

Workshop III “A multicultural European Society”

Prof. Dino Pinelli from Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei in Milan will introduce the workshop. A discussion will be initiated afterwards on how to formulate a common European approach to the topic.

Workshop IV “Structuring markets through regulation: the case of vertical separation”

Prof. Damien Gérardin of the University of Liège, Mr. Sean Ennis of the Competition Division of the OECD and Prof. Claude Crampes of the University of Toulouse (IDEI) will hold the introductory lectures. A discussion will be initiated afterwards on how to formulate a common European approach to the theme.

- 4 pm** **Coffee break**
- 4.15 pm** **Continuance of the parallel workshops**
- 5.30 pm** **Drinks and dinner at Willem II Stadion in Tilburg**
Dr. Ruud Vreeman, mayor of Tilburg, and mr. Onno Hoes, Deputy Governor of the Province of Noord-Brabant will hold speeches during dinner.

DAYII Tuesday, January 18th 2005, Tilburg University TIAS building E

9.30 am **Round II Parallel workshops**

Workshop I “Ageing Society”

Prof. Axel Boersch Supan, Mannheim, “Global ageing: impacts on labour, goods and capital markets
Prof. Carl Emmerson, London, “From contributions based benefits to means tested benefits?”
Prof. Markus Leippold, Zurich, “An analysis of risk sharing between generations using option pricing”

Prof. Guglielmo Weber, Padua, “Are household portfolios efficient? An analysis conditional on housing”

Prof. Mario Padula, Salerno, “Retirement expectations, pension reforms and their impact on private accumulation”

Prof. Thomas Post, Berlin, “Modelling retirement decisions”

Prof. Paula Lopes, London, “Are annuities value for money?”

An in-depth discussion on how to formulate a common European approach will take place afterwards.

Workshop II “European Security”

Prof. dr. J. Wouters of the KU Leuven will introduce the workshop. An in-depth discussion on the scientific approach of the research issues to be addressed in this workshop will follow.

Workshop III “A multicultural European Society”

Prof. Jan van Deth from Mannheim University will introduce the workshop. An in-depth discussion on the scientific approach of the research issues to be addressed in this workshop will follow.

Workshop IV “Structuring markets through regulation: the case of vertical separation”

Dr. Tommaso Valletti of the Tanaka Business School in London, Dr. Marcel Canoy of CPB, The Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis and Dr. Paul de Bijl of TILEC at Tilburg University will hold the introductory lectures. An in-depth and round table discussion on the scientific approach of the research issues to be addressed will take place in this workshop.

10.30 am Coffee break

11.00 am Continuance of the parallel workshops

12.00 am Lunch at Tilbury’s

Prof. Frank van der Duyn Schouten, Rector Magnificus at Tilburg University, will draw some preliminary conclusions and will close the conference.

Note that the scientific discussions in Workshop I “Ageing Society” will be continued after lunch until 5.30 pm

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