

THE EU AND AGENDA 2030: TRADE UNIONS' DIALOGUE

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WEDNESDAY 6/11 (14.30-17.30)

Trade Union involvement in the SDGs: achievements and challenges - European trade unions are involved in the SDG process at national and EU level, with the support of the ETUC and the ITUC. Through their everyday work on promoting decent work and social dialogue, trade unions are instrumental to achieving the SDGs, conducting their own national monitoring and analysis to make sure that countries are on track to fulfil their commitments. Participants will share their involvement on SDGs at national and regional level, highlighting key accomplishments and discussing strategies ahead.

THURSDAY 7/11 (9.00-15.30)

9:00-9:10 High-level Dialogues Opening - Antti Palola, STTK President, Finland

9:10-10:00 Focus on SDG 8 - Presentation of the first findings of the SDG 8 Index, which is currently being elaborated by the ITUC, in collaboration with ASVIS (Alleanza Italiana per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile). This index speaks on the level of SDG 8 implementation, highlighting policy drivers to accelerate its achievement. **Prof. Enrico Giovannini**, Department of Economics and Finance (DEF) – University of Rome “Tor Vergata”

10:00- 11:30 The EU and Agenda 2030 worldwide - Taking stock of the “2019 Joint Synthesis Report of the EU and its Member States”, this session will be devoted to discussing the future perspectives of EU development cooperation policy, in the framework of the current negotiation on the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework and its Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI). Key-note speakers: **Ville Skinnari**, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Finland; **Udo Bullmann**, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D); **Jarkko Eloranta**, President, SAK Finland; **Mamadou Diallo**, Deputy Secretary General, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC).

11:45-13:00 Accelerated action to achieve the SDGs in the EU - The newly established European Commission expressed a strong commitment towards the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, the SDGs will be the paradigm around which the economic governance of the EU may be reshaped, and their implementation a shared responsibility of all Commissioners. This session will provide a space for exchange on key priorities to ensure that the SDGs will be at the centre of the Commission’s overall policy, especially of the European Semester. Key-note speakers: **Jeroen Jutte**, Head of Unit DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission; **Annika Lindblom**, Secretary General of National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland; **Anna Colombo**, Political Advisor for Sustainable Development Strategy, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) in the European Parliament; **Liina Carr**, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC).

14:00 – 15:30 Setting the road map



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