



A SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY THAT CARES

***EPP Vision for a Social
Market Economy in Europe***

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PROGRAMME

(21/02/24)

EPP Group Conference
“A SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY THAT CARES”
EPP Vision for a Social Market Economy in Europe
21 February 2024, 15:00 - 17:30 CET, followed by a Reception
European Parliament, Brussels, SPAAK 3 C50

Moderator: **Jack PARROCK**

15.00 - 15.10 hrs

Welcome speech:

Manfred WEBER MEP

Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament

PANEL I: Cost of living crisis: quality jobs in a future oriented economy

15.10 - 15.20 hrs

Opening remarks:

- **Margaritis SCHINAS**
Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Promoting our European Way of Life
- **Dennis RADTKE MEP**
Coordinator Employment and Social Affairs Committee in the European Parliament
- **Ursula VON DER LEYEN** (Video message)
President of the European Commission
- **Cindy FRANSSEN MEP**
Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

15.20 - 16.20 hrs

Panel discussion & Q&A:

Moderator: Jack Parrock

- **Peter WOUTERS**
President, Flemish Christian Labour Movement
- **Arjen SIEGMANN**
Professor of valuable work and Christian social thought, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; staff member for economic affairs, CDA Research Institute (CDA-WI); Executive board member, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies
- **Marina STEFOU**
Secretary General for Demography and Housing in Greece, Ministry for Social Cohesion and Family
- **Oliver RÖPKE**
President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

16.20 - 16.30 hrs

Technical Break

Panel II: Modern world of work

16.30- 16.35 hrs

Opening Remarks:

- **Dubravka ŠUIČA**
Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Democracy and Demography
- **Leo VARADKAR** (Video message)
Prime Minister of Ireland

16.35 - 17.30 hrs

Panel discussion & Q&A:

Moderator: Jack Parrock

- **Esther LYNCH**
General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- **Barbara GERSTENBERGER**
Head of Working Life Unit, Eurofound
- **Andriana SUKOVA**
(Acting) Director-General, DG EMPL, European Commission
- **Fr. Dr. MANUEL BARRIOS PRIETO**
General Secretary
COMECE – Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU
- **Moritz ENGELS**
Deputy Chairman of the Works Council (Dortmund site),
thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG

Closing remarks:

Dennis RADTKE MEP

Coordinator Employment and Social Affairs Committee in the European Parliament

17.30 - 19.00 hrs

Reception

Grand Café Spinelli, ASP 00 G