

## RECONCILING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL PROGRESS: A CHALLENGE?

European Parliament, Brussels, Wednesday 4 March 2015, 15.00-18.15, A3-G2

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**15.00-15.15** Introduction by **Maria João Rodrigues**, Vice-President of the S&D Group

**15.15-15.40** Presentation of the *independent* Annual Growth Survey 2015 by

- **Lars Andersen**, Economic Council of the Labour Movement, Denmark
- **Xavier Timbeau**, Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Économiques, France
- **Andrew Watt**, Institut für Makroökonomie und Konjunkturforschung, Germany

**15.40-16.00** Q&A session with the audience, opened by **Elisa Ferreira**, S&D Group Coordinator for the Economic and Monetary Affairs committee and by **Jutta Steinruck**, S&D Group Coordinator for the Employment and Social Affairs committee

**16.00-18.00** High-level debate moderated by **Giovanna Pancheri**, Europe Correspondent for Sky TV Italia:

**Reconciling economic growth and social progress - How can the EU agenda contribute to this progressive objective after 7 years of economic and social crisis?**

- **Pierre Moscovici**, EU Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs
- **Józef Niemiec**, ETUC Deputy-Secretary General
- **Poul Nyrup Rasmussen**, Former Prime Minister of Denmark and President of PES
- **Conny Reuter**, SOLIDAR Secretary General
- **Maria João Rodrigues**, Vice-President of the S&D Group
- **Nicolas Schmit**, Luxembourg Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Economy
- **Raymond Torres**, Director of ILO Research Department

This debate will include interactions with the audience.

**18.00-18.15** Drawing first conclusions from the conference: **Frank Vandenbroucke**, Professor at Leuven and Amsterdam University, member of the Progressive Economy Scientific Board, former Vice-Prime Minister and former Minister for Social Affairs, Pensions and Work, Belgium

**With the participation of the winners of the Progressive Economy 2014 Call for Papers:**

- **Giovanni Cozzi**, **Georgia Kaplanoglou**, **Matteo Laruffa**, **Christopher Rauh**, **Maria Ruiz Martos** and **Sem Vandekerckhove**.

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