



## Agenda

The World Bank—European Commission Joint Conference on the occasion of the launch of the World Bank Report

### **The Inverting Pyramid Pension systems facing demographic challenges in Europe and Central Asia**

Brussels, 21 February 2014

Venue:  
Hotel Crowne Plaza Brussels-Le Palace  
Rue Gineste 3, Brussels

**8h30-9h00 Registration of participants**

**9h00-9h25 Opening**

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- László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
  - Ana Revenga, Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank
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#### **9:30 – 10:30 Side-event: Press Meeting in Hotel**

Ana Revenga, Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank: *Main Messages of the Report*

László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: *Comments from the EC point of view*

*Chair: Katarína Mathernová, Senior Advisor and Manager, Europe and Central Asia Brussels Unit, World Bank*

**9h30 to 11h00 Session 1: Pension system evolution and outcomes**

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Moderator: Georg Fischer, Director of Analysis, DG EMPL, European Commission

- Main speaker: Asta Zviniene, Sr Social Protection Specialist, Human Development, World Bank
  - Panelists
    - Krzysztof Hagemeyer, Head of Policy, Governance and Standards Branch in Social Protection Department, ILO
    - Anna D'Addio, Senior pension expert, Social Policy Division, OECD
    - Gordana Matković, Director of Social Policy Studies in Centre for Liberal-Democratic Studies, former Minister of Social Affairs, Serbia
    - Olli Kangas, Professor-Director of Research, KELA-Social Insurance Institution, Finland
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**11h15 to 12h45            Session 2: The role of savings in pension provision**

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Moderator: Ana Revenga, Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank

- Main speaker: Heinz Rudolph, Lead Specialist, Pensions, World Bank
  
- Panelists
  - Veiko Tali, Secretary-General, Ministry of Finance, Estonia
  - Ole Beier Sørensen, Head of Research, ATP, Denmark
  - Fritz von Nordheim, DG EMPL, European Commission
  - Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak, Assistant professor, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland.

**14h00 to 15h15            Session 3: Accompanying Labour Market and Fiscal Reforms**

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Moderator: Ralf Jacob, Head of Unit, Social Protection, DG EMPL, European Commission

- Main speaker: Omar Arias, Lead Economist, Human Development, World Bank
  
- Panelists
  - Mark Keese, Head of Employment Analysis and Policy Division, OECD
  - Elsa Fornero, Professor, University of Turin; Former Minister of Labour (by videolink)
  - Matteo Jessoula, Assistant Professor, University of Milan
  - Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia

**15h30 to 17h15            Session 4: Potential solutions to the demographic challenges facing Europe and Central Asia**

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Moderator: Lieve Fransen, Director of Social Policies, DG EMPL, European Commission

- Main speaker: Anita Schwarz, Lead Economist, Human Development, World Bank
  
- Panelists
  - Edward Palmer, University of Uppsala and Swedish Social Insurance Agency
  - Costas Stavrakis, Chair of WG-AGE of the Social Protection Committee
  - Mikhail Dmitriev, Center for Strategic Research, Moscow Russia,
  - Per Eckefeldt, DG ECFIN, European Commission
  - Maria Jepsen, Research Director, European Trade Union Institute
  - Rebekah Smith, Senior Adviser, Social Affairs, BusinessEurope

**17h15 to 17h30            Closing remarks**

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Andrew Mason, Sector Manager, Social Protection, World Bank

Lieve Fransen, Director of Social Policies, DG EMPL, European Commission