

# Rebuilding an Inclusive, Value-based Europe of Solidarity and Trust through Social Investments (Re-InVEST)

## Venue & dates

Irish College, Janseniustraat 1, 3000 Leuven - 28-29 March 2019

## Theme of the conference

In 2013, following a period of crisis and harsh austerity measures, the Commission launched the Social Investment Package (SIP) as a first endeavour to rebalance economic and social progress. Our ambition with the Re-InVEST project (2015-2019) is to contribute to strengthening the philosophical as well as the institutional and empirical underpinnings of the SIP – linked with the European Pillar of Social Rights – with a view to fostering a more inclusive Europe. The final conference will sketch a full panorama of the 50 research reports and aims to contribute to a dialogue between academic researchers, public and social services, civil society and policy makers around various aspects of social policy.

## Draft programme

### Thursday, March 28

- **09.30 – 10.00: Opening addresses**
  - Mrs Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs
  - Michel Debruyne Re-InVEST / Georgios Papanagnou (DG Research & Innovation) / Paloma Martin (Research Executive Agency)
- **10.00 – 11.15: Session I: Social investment and the European Pillar of Social Rights**
  - Testimony from Italy
  - Jean-Michel Bonvin (University of Geneva) & Ortrud Lessmann (University of Hamburg and IFZ Salzburg): Social investment, from a human capital to a human rights and capabilities approach
  - Comments: Frank Vandenbroucke (University of Amsterdam) & Olivier Bontout (European Commission, DG EMPL – tbc)
- **11.15 – 11.45: coffee**
- **11.45 – 13.00: Session II: Social (dis)investment and human rights during the crisis**
  - Ides Nicaise (KU Leuven): The long-term impact of the 2008-2014 crisis on vulnerable groups
  - Anna Ruelens (KU Leuven): Vulnerability, economic crisis and democratic deficit
  - Jean-Luc Dubois & Guillaume Jean (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement): Poverty and vulnerability indicators based on the human rights and capabilities approach
  - Comments: Sian Jones (European Anti-Poverty Network) & representative of European Commission tbc
- **13.00 – 14.00: Lunch**
- **14.00 – 16.00: Breakout sessions: A social investment perspective on service markets: case studies**
  - 14.00 – 15.00: three parallel sessions:
    - Early childhood education: Özgün Ünver (KU Leuven) & Jana Hainsworth (Eurochild)
    - Health care: Rita Baeten (Observatoire Social Européen) & Dorota Sienkiewicz (Eurohealth)
    - Water provision: Mary Murphy (Maynooth University) & Satoko Kishimoto (Transnational Institute, Amsterdam)
  - 15.00 – 16.00: three parallel sessions:
    - Housing: Marja Elsinga (TU Delft) & Alice Pittini (Housing Europe)

- Basic financial services: Mahmood Messkoub (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Michel Dewolfs (MyTrusto, Antwerpen) & Angela Black (EFIN)
- Mental health care: Rich Moth & Michael Lavalette (HOPE University Liverpool) & Luigi Leonori (SMES Europe)
- **16.00 – 16.30: coffee**
- **16.30 – 17.30: panel discussion: Social investment in service markets - the role of the EU**  
Anne Van Lancker (private consultant), Sian Jones (EAPN), Patrick De Bucquois (Social Services Europe), Mary Murphy (Maynooth University), Krzysztof Balon (European Economic and Social Committee)
- **19.00 – 22.00: Conference diner**

## Friday, March 29

- **09.00 – 11.00: Social protection and active labour market policies from a social investment perspective**
  - René Lehwess-Litzmann (SOFI Göttingen): Social protection and active labour market policies in the past decade: the European panorama
  - Ides Nicaise (KU Leuven): Social protection and active labour market policies: qualitative evaluation from a social investment perspective
  - Comments: Stefan Olsson (European Commission, DG EMPL – tbc), Martin Kronauer (HWR Berlin), Marja Jepsen (European Trade Union Institute)
- **11.00 – 11.30: coffee**
- **11.30 – 13.00: Fostering a social investment climate: macro-economic and political conditions**
  - Jeremy Leaman (University of Loughborough): Ethical and fiscal boundary conditions
  - Robert Salais (CNRS, Paris): Governance and participation
  - Comments: Séamus Boland (European Economic and Social Committee), Claire Dhéret (European Policy Centre - tbc)
- **13.00 – 14.00: lunch**
- **14.00 – 15.30: Participatory action research with vulnerable groups – a human rights and capabilities approach**
  - Video fragments
  - Mary Murphy (Maynooth University): The PAHRCA approach: methodological lessons from the Re-INVEST project
  - Comment: Xavier Godinot (ATD Fourth World)
  - Plenary discussion
- **15.30 – 16.00: Closing addresses:**
  - Ides Nicaise (KU Leuven)
  - Peter Wouters (Beweging.net)

## Target audience

Civil society organisations, social partners, public and social services, national and EU policy makers, academic researchers.

## Research partners

Our consortium is embedded in the network 'Alliances to fight poverty', a network of civil society organisations, trade unions, policy makers and academics co-ordinated by the Flemish Christian labour movement Beweging.net, and committed to a more inclusive Europe.

No	Participant organisation name	Country
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1	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven – Ides Nicaise)	Belgium
2	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS – Robert Salais)	France
3	Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Goettingen e.V. (SOFI – René Lehweß-Litzmann)	Germany
4	Internationales Forschungszentrum für Soziale und Ethische Fragen (IFZ –Ortrud Lessmann)	Austria
5	Universite Catholique de Louvain (UCL – Jean De Munck)	Belgium
6	National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM – Mary Murphy)	Ireland
7	Loughborough University (Loughborough University – Jeremy Leaman)	United Kingdom
8	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (EUR – Mahmood Meskoub)	Netherlands
9	Technische Universiteit Delft (TU Delft – Marja Elsinga)	Netherlands
10	Liverpool Hope University (Liverpool Hope University – Michael Lavalette)	United Kingdom
11	Institut de Recherche pour le Developpement (Jean-Luc Dubois)	France
12	Observatoire Social Européen asbl (Rita Baeten)	Belgium
13	University of Geneva (Jean-Michel Bonvin)	Switzerland
14	Rigas Stradina Universitate (RSU – Tana Lace)	Latvia
15	Beweging vzw (Michel Debruyne)	Belgium
16	EAPN Portugal (EAPN Portugal – Sandra Maria Lopes Mendes dos Santos)	Portugal
17	Fundatia The Open Network for Community Development (Fundatia TON – Christina Chert)	Romania
18	The Poverty Alliance (The Poverty Alliance – Peter Kelly)	United Kingdom
19	Coordinamento Nazionale Comunità di Accoglienza (CNCA – Cinzia Brentari )	Italy
20	Groupe de Recherche et de Réalisations pour le Développement Rural (GRDR)	France