

EXPERTS SEMINAR

AVOIDING A “LOST GENERATION”: WHAT (MORE) CAN THE EU DO TO TACKLE YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT?

19 JANUARY 2015 • 10.00 > 16.30

European Economic and Social Committee, 74, rue de Trèves, B-1040, room TRE 7701

09.30 > 10.00 **Welcoming coffee** at the exhibition room on the ground floor of Trèves building

10.00 > 10.10 **Welcoming address** by **Irini PARI**, Member of the Labour Market Observatory at the EESC, President of the IMI

10.10 > 10.20 **Introduction** by **Isabel MOTA**, Member of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation board of trustees

10.20 > 12.40 **1st panel: EU initiatives and financial support for youth employment: assessing past initiatives and identifying priorities for the years to come**

Speakers:

László ANDOR, Senior Fellow at the Hertie School of Governance, former EU Commissioner

Heinz KOLLER, Regional Director for Europe at the International Labour Organization

Massimiliano MASCHERINI, Research manager at Eurofound, author of a report on the “NEET”

Chair: **Bart VANHERCKE**, Director of the European Social Observatory

12.40 > 14.00 **Working lunch** at “La Brasserie” of the Van Maerlant Building

14.00 > 16.15 **2nd panel: Proposals to reinforce youth mobility in the EU as a way to guarantee full youth employment - which costs and benefits for young people and for the home/host countries?**

Speakers:

Christian EGE, Former State Secretary of Saarland, project “Europatriates”

Pedro MOTA SOARES, Minister for Employment and Social Affairs from Portugal

António SILVA MENDES, Director at DG Education of the European Commission, responsible for the coordination of Erasmus +

Chair: **António VITORINO**, President of Notre Europe-Jacques Delors Institute

16.15 > 16.30 **Closing speech** by **Marianne THYSSEN**, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility