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The reform of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) will be at the heart of the European agenda in the coming months. This reflection on the deepening of EMU should not be limited to economic, budgetary or financial stakes. EMU also has a social dimension that needs to be clarified. What social convergence is necessary for the proper functioning of EMU? What are the instruments to put in place or strengthen to achieve this social convergence? How to improve the social governance of EMU? It is during a high-level seminar that the Luxembourg government, in partnership with the Jacques Delors Institute, seeks to answer these questions in order to contribute to the debate on the deepening of EMU.

15:00 - 15:10 Introduction by Nicolas Schmit, Minister for Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg

15:10 - 15:20 Keynote speech by Luca Visentini, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation

15:20 - 16:45 Panel 1: What social convergence for the euro area?

Agnès Bénassy-Quéré, professor at the Paris School of Economics

Barbara Kauffmann, Director for Employment and Social Governance at the European Commission

Frank Vandenbroucke, professor at the University of Amsterdam

Chair: Sébastien Maillard, Director of the Jacques Delors Institute

16:45 - 16:55 Speech by Maxime Cerutti, Director of the Social Affairs department at Business Europe

16:55 - 17:10 Coffee Break

17:10 - 17:20 Speech by Kris Peeters, Vice Prime Minister of Belgium and Minister for Work, Economic Affairs and Consumer Affairs, responsible for Foreign Trade

17:20 - 18:45 Panel 2: What instruments and governance for social convergence in the euro area?

László Andor, former Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Lucas Guttenberg, Deputy Head of Research at the Jacques Delors Institut - Berlin

Maria João Rodrigues, member of the European Parliament, rapporteur of the report on the European Pillar of Social Rights

Chair: Sonja Bekker, associate professor at the Tilburg Law School

18:45 - 19:00 Conclusion by Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue

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