

**3rd ESIP Annual Forum**  
***A strong welfare state for a socially robust single market: The role of social security***  
Brussels, 15 October 2024

**Meeting venue:** Scotland House Brussels, Schuman roundabout 6, 1040 Brussels | **Registration opens: 08:45** | Moderated by Yannis Natsis, Director, European Social Insurance Platform (ESIP)

*All speakers are confirmed. We expect a full room, please cancel your registration via Eventbrite or inform us via [esip@esip.eu](mailto:esip@esip.eu) if you can no longer attend.*

***Welcome (09:15)***

Anne-Claire LE BODIC – ESIP President

***Introductory remarks (09:20-09:30)***

Jörg TAGGER – Head of Unit, Coordination of Social Security Systems, Directorate-General for Employment, Social affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), European Commission

***Supporting mobility of workers across the EU and fighting workforce shortages: Where social protection and labour policies meet (09:30-10:45)***

Setting the scene presentation by Anita HALASZ – Team leader, Employment policies, Directorate-General for Employment, Social affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL), European Commission

Followed by panel discussion with:

- Michel van SMOORENBURG – Senior international labour market analyst, Public Employment Service (UWV), Netherlands
- Paweł JAROSZEK – Board member, Social Insurance Institution (ZUS), Poland
- Nina SZALAY – International relations specialist, Social Insurance Agency (SIA), Slovakia
- Michael van der CAMMEN – Director, International relations, Federal Employment Agency (BA), Germany

**Coffee break | 10:45-11:15**

***A single market that works for all: How do we bridge the gaps in social protection? (11:15-12:15)***

Setting the scene presentation by Anton HEMERIJCK – Professor, Political Science and Sociology, Director of research, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute (EUI), Florence

Followed by panel discussion with:

- Manuel PAOLILLO – Director General, FPS Social Security, Belgium
- Valeria VITTIMBERGA – Director General, National Social Security Institute (INPS), Italy
- Dana-Carmen BACHMANN – Head of Unit, Social Protection, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission
- Allan PALDANIUS – Director, Finnish Centre for Pensions (ETK), Finland

**Lunch break | 12:15-13:15**

***Keynote by Adam JARUBAS (EPP, PL), Chair, Subcommittee on Health (SANT), European Parliament (13:15-13:30)***

***A single market for pharmaceuticals: How do we ensure access to affordable and effective medicines? (13:30-14:40)***

Presentation of the ESIP-MEDEV pharmaceutical expenditure survey by Benedetta BALDINI – Senior policy advisor, ESIP

Followed by panel discussion with:

- Max BLINDZELLNER – Senior Manager, Pharmaceuticals Department, National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Funds (GKV-Spitzenverband), Germany
- Claudia SCHARL – Head of Brussels office, Federation of Austrian Social Insurance (DVS), Austria
- Sophie KELLEY – Head, Health products department, National Health Insurance Fund (CNAM), France
- Athos TSINONTIDES – Director, Pharmaceutical Directorate, Health Insurance Organization (HIO), Cyprus

**Coffee break | 14:40-15:00**

***The welfare states & Europe's competitiveness: Friends or foes? Roundtable discussion with Members of European Parliament (15:00-16:00)***

András KULJA (EPP, HU) – Vice-Chair, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), Member, Subcommittee on Public Health (SANT) & Substitute, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS (S&D, LT) – Former European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Member of ENVI & SANT Committees

Vlad VOICULESCU (Renew, RO) – Former Minister of Health, Romania & Member of SANT Subcommittee

Tilly METZ (Greens/EFA, LU) – Vice-Chair, Subcommittee on Public Health (SANT), Member of ENVI Committee

**Networking reception | 16:00 -17:15**

