

Final Conference of the project Enhancing the Effectiveness of Social Dialogue Articulation in Europe (EESDA) -VS/2017/0434

21 November 2019 – Lisbon, Portugal
Hotel Vila Galé Opera

Background

The aim of this conference is to facilitate a discussion on enhancing the effectiveness of social dialogue articulation in Europe between social partners, experts, policy makers and other stakeholders. Findings from the recently completed research project EESDA will reveal systematic evidence on social dialogue articulation between the EU level of social dialogue, European sectoral social dialogue and social dialogue in the EU Member States.

Bringing together five consortium partners, the EESDA project, implemented during 2017-2019, advances the current knowledge and expertise on the articulation of social dialogue in Europe and its effectiveness. It studies the ways in which social dialogue at different levels functions and the channels through which EU-level social dialogue - across and within sectors – affects the actors, decisions and outcomes at the national and sub-national level, and vice versa.

Research conducted within the EESDA project includes an assessment of social dialogue articulation between the national and the European level across 27 EU Member States by means of desk research, an online survey among national social partners and interviews with EU-level social partners as well as national stakeholders. It then concentrates on the effectiveness of social dialogue in six EU member states (i.e. Estonia, Ireland, France, Portugal, Slovakia and Sweden – with distinct industrial relations models and traditions) and four sectors (i.e. construction, commerce, education and healthcare and with a focus on a specific occupation in each sector). Findings from interviews, case studies and discourse analysis are completed using network analysis that sets out to visualise and reveal strong and weak ties between different actors and to draw lessons for experiences and best practices in other sectors and countries.

The analysis considers efforts that have a direct and indirect impact on social dialogue, such as EU Directives, Autonomous Agreements, Framework of Actions, joint projects, joint statements or programme funding

Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Registration and welcoming coffee**
- 9:30-9:35 **Opening remarks from the Project Coordinator
Presentation of the EESDA project**
Manon Jacquot (CEPS)
- 9:30 – 9:40 **Welcome note**
President of the Portuguese Commerce and Services Confederation (CCP)
- 9:45 – 11:15 **Presentation of research findings in the EESDA project**
- EU-wide findings in a comparative perspective (*Monika Martišková, CELSI*)
 - A network perspective on social dialogue articulation (*Carl Nordlund/Bengt Larsson LIU*)
 - Mini case studies from EESDA country reports
 - o *Alexandra Costa Artur (CCP) – Portugal*
 - o *Manon Jacquot (CEPS) – France*
 - o *Bengt Larsson (University of Gothenburg) – Sweden*
- Q&A session moderated by *Jaan Masso (University of Tartu)*
- 11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Keynote speech on the importance of social dialogue articulation in the EU**
Jean-Paul Tricart, Associate Researcher at European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)
Moderator *Bengt Larsson (University of Gothenburg)*
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Networking lunch**
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Panel discussion with stakeholders (I)**
“EU-level sectoral social dialogue articulation: stakeholders’ perspective”
Moderator *Alexandra Costa Artur (CCP)*
Panelists: *John Delamere (HSE (HOSPEEM) – health)*
Annika Flaten (UNI Europa – commerce)
Ricardo Gomes (FEPICOP (FIEC) – construction)
Joaquim Santos (ETUCE – education)
- 14.30 – 15.55 **Panel discussion with stakeholders (II)**
“The future of European social dialogue and its effectiveness: where next?”
Moderator *Marta Kahancová (CELSI)*
Panelists: *Maxime Cerutti (BusinessEurope)*
Jeanette Grenfors (CEEP)
Oscar Molina (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
Peter Scherrer (ETUC)
João Silva (EESC)
- 15:55 – 16:00 **Concluding remarks by project coordinators**
Manon Jacquot (CEPS) & Marta Kahancová (CELSI)

