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International conference

Social Europe?

Weimar Triangle and the EU Labour Market

7-8 / 12 / 2017

Działyński Palace, Red Chamber /
Stary Rynek 78 (The Old Market Square), 61-722 Poznań

Institute for Western Affairs, Conference Room 5th floor /
Mostowa 27A, 61-854 Poznań

Conference outline

Posted workers - it is for a few months one of the main subjects of the European public debate. **The dispute about the future of the 96/71/EC directive is an element of a much wider and more important discussion** - about the way of functioning of the EU, the European labour market development as well as the meaning of the slogan “Social Europe”. This is a space where various visions of EU-future cross, as well as different interests of member countries and social/economical groups.

France, Germany and Poland will certainly play an important part in this discussion. The Weimar Triangle can be seen as a laboratory, where a European consensus may be developed on the question: how and to what degree should the EU labour market be regulated?

The goal of the conference is to **identify points of convergence and differences within the Weimar Triangle towards the concept of “Social Europe” and the internal labour market regulations**. We would like to enable a discussion of experts from France, Germany, Poland as well as Brussels, which would consider not only national interests and various political perspectives, but also experiences of workers and employers active on every day basis in Weimar Triangle. The look on “Social Europe” issue from two different perspectives - “bird’s eye- ” as well as “worm’s eye view” - can be helpful in revealing fields of agreement not seen until now, as well as in creating a common French-German-Polish position.

Schedule

Thursday, December 7th 2017

Location: Działyński Palace, Red Chamber, Stary Rynek 78 (The Old Market Square)
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14:00 Registration

15:00 **SESSION I: Future of the Social Europe**

Moderator: Jacek Kubera, PhD - Instytut Zachodni

Philippe Gassmann - Head of the Regional Economic Department, French Embassy in Poland

Danuta Jazłowiecka - Polish Member of European Parliament

Martin Koppernock, PhD - Head of Department at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Agnieszka Wołoszyn - Deputy Director at the Department of Labour Law, Polish Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 **SESSION II: EU Labour Market - To What Degree Standardized?**

Moderator: Tomasz Morozowski - Instytut Zachodni

prof. Gerhard Bosch - Director of the Institute for Work and Skills at the University of Duisburg-Essen

Liina Carr - Confederal Secretary at the European Trade Union Confederation

Sylvie Matelly - Deputy Director at the French Institute of International and Strategic Relations, IRIS

prof. Maciej Żukowski - Rector of the University of Economics in Poznań

Friday, December 8th 2017

Location: Institute for Western Affairs, conference room V. floor, Mostowa 27A,
61-854 Poznań

9:00 Registration

9:30 **SESSION III: Dynamics of the EU Internal Market in the Context of Workers Migration**

Moderator: Joanna Dobrowolska-Polak, PhD - Instytut Zachodni

Marek Benio, PhD - Cracow University of Economics

Tadeusz Kucharski - „Solidarność” Trade Union

Frédéric Petit - deputy of the French National Assembly

Patricia Schikora - Confederation of German Employers' Associations, BDA

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **SESSION IV: Dynamics of the EU Internal Market in the Context of Capital, Goods and Service Flows**

Moderator: prof. Gerhard Bosch

Jan Drahekoupil - European Trade Union Institute, ETUI

Patrick Edery, Director General of Partenaire Europe

Robert Lisicki - Polish Confederation Lewiatan

Piotr Szumlewicz - All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions, OPZZ

13:00 Lunch

All sessions are translated simultaneously (English/Polish).