



## Invitation to the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment

Brussels, **27 SEP. 2017**

Dear President,

To strengthen the positive trends and further convergence within the European Union, our economies need to become more competitive, resilient, inclusive and innovative. Relevant policy reforms ensure the longer term sustainability of the economic recovery and improve the resilience to future economic and social challenges. Social priorities must be a key part of these reform efforts.

As part of the broader debate on the future of Europe, the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment provides a timely opportunity to discuss the social and the economic dimensions of the European Union. This Tripartite Social Summit being held before the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth in Gothenburg on 17 November therefore focuses on 'Shaping Europe's future: strengthening resilience and promoting economic and social progress for all'.

In addition, to contribute to addressing these issues the Commission presented last April a proposal for a European Pillar of Social Rights. The Commission has entered into discussions with the Council and the European Parliament to ensure broad political support and high-level endorsement for the European Pillar of Social Rights. Following its White Paper on the Future of Europe, the Commission also published a reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe.

Participants to this Tripartite Social Summit are in particular invited to express their views on the social dimension of Europe, on the progress made and ways to improve the involvement of social partners in policies and reforms at national level, as well as on investing in learning in a digital economy and society.

We are pleased to invite you and a delegation of employer representatives to this Tripartite Social Summit. The meeting will take place in the Europa building, 155 Rue de la Loi, Brussels, from 14.00 to 17.00 on 18 October 2017 and will be followed by a press conference.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Tusk

Jean-Claude Juncker

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## Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment

### Shaping Europe's future: strengthening resilience and promoting economic and social progress for all

#### 18 October 2017 – Order of interventions

#### 14.00 WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

President of the European Commission: Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER 8'

President of the European Council: Mr Donald TUSK 8'

Prime Minister of Estonia: Jüri RATAS 5'

President of BUSINESSEUROPE: Ms Emma MARCEGAGLIA 5'

General Secretary of ETUC: Mr Luca VISENTINI 8'

General Secretary of CEEP: Ms Valeria RONZITTI 3'

#### 14.45 MODERATED DISCUSSION

Commission Vice-President for Euro and Social Dialogue,  
Mr Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, introduces the topics and gives the  
floor to: 3' each

- President of UEAPME: Ms Ulrike RABMER-KOLLER
- President of CEC European Managers: Mr Ludger RAMME

#### 14:55 a) The social dimension of Europe 3' each

Estonian Minister of Health and Labour, Mr Jevgeni OSSINOVSKI,  
introduces and gives the floor to:

- Employers
- Trade unions

#### 15:10 b) The involvement of social partners in policies and reforms at national level – progress made and ways to improve 3' each

Bulgarian Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Mr Biser PETKOV,  
introduces and gives the floor to:

- Trade Unions
- Employers

**15:25 c) Investing in learning in a digital economy and society** 3' each

Austrian Minister for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Mr. Alois STÖGER, introduces and gives the floor to:

- Employers
- Trade Unions

**15:40 Open discussion<sup>1</sup>**

moderated by the Estonian Minister of Health and Labour, Mr Jevgeni OSSINOVSKI

**16:40 Summary and reactions** 3'

Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, Ms Marianne THYSSEN

**16.45 CONCLUSIONS**

Prime Minister of Estonia: Mr Jüri RATAS 3'

General Secretary of ETUC: Mr Luca VISENTINI 3'

Director General of BUSINESSEUROPE: Mr Markus J. BEYRER 3'

President of the European Commission: Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER 3'

President of the European Council: Mr Donald TUSK 3'

**17.05 PRESS PHOTO**

**17.15 PRESS CONFERENCE**

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<sup>1</sup> No speaking order for this part; interventions to be kept to 2' maximum and to react to earlier interventions.