**NextGenerationEU in action: impact on social and labour policies**

8 November 2022 - 13:45-18:00

*Double Tree by Hilton, Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Bruxelles (in-person only)*

At this conference, experts from academia, trade unions and the European Commission will exchange perspectives on the impact of the NGEU on national and EU social and labour policies. How different is this recovery strategy from the way the EU managed the 2011 euro crisis? What role does the European Pillar of Social Rights play in the socialisation of European integration? What are the most crucial unresolved challenges, and how can we tackle them? Participants will also be discussing the main insights emerging from a mapping exercise that was conducted for a forthcoming special issue of the Italian Labour Law e-Journal coedited by the ETUI (to be published open access).

**PROGRAMME**

13:45 Opening remarks by Philippe Pochet (General Director, ETUI)

Panel: The social relevance of the NextGeneration EU
Chair: Emanuele Menegatti (Unibo)

- **Francesco Corti** (Advisor Belgian Minister of Social Affairs and Health; Associate Research Fellow CEPS)
  The social dimension of the RRP: away from austerity back to a new investment-led growth strategy?

- **Silvia Rainone** (ETUI)
  Towards a more solidaristic Union? Reflections on the legal framework

- **Sonja Bekker** (Utrecht University)
  The labour dimension of economic governance after the Covid-19 pandemic

Discussant:
- **Sotiria Theodoropoulou** (ETUI)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Round table: The (unresolved) social challenges of the RRF: insights from national implementation
Chair: Silvia Rainone (ETUI)

Key points from country reports:

- **Björn Hacker** (HTW Berlin) - Germany;
- **Manos Matsaganis** (Polytechnic University of Milan) - Greece;
- **Krzysztof Stańka** (Łódź University) - Poland;
- **Raluca Dimitriu** (Bucharest University of Economic Studies) - Romania

Discussants:
- **Marco Cilento** (Head of Institutional Policy at European Trade Union Confederation)
- **Reka Horvath** (Deputy Head of Unit RECOVER.B.3, European Commission)

Q&A with participants

18:00 Closing remarks

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