

RECONCILING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL PROGRESS: A CHALLENGE?

European Parliament, Brussels, Wednesday 4 March 2015, 15.00-18.15, A3-G2

Interpretation will be provided in EN FR DE ES IT.

15.00-15.30 Presentation of the *independent* Annual Growth Survey 2015 by

- **Lars Andersen**, Economic Council of the Labour Movement, Denmark
- **Xavier Timbeau**, Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Économiques, France
- **Andrew Watt**, Institut für Makroökonomie und Konjunkturforschung, Germany

15.30-15.50 Q&A session with the audience, opened by **Elisa Ferreira**, S&D Group Coordinator for the Economic and Monetary Affairs committee and by **Jutta Steinruck**, S&D Group Coordinator for the Employment and Social Affairs committee

15.50-18.00 High-level Debate: Reconciling economic growth and social progress - How can the EU agenda contribute to this progressive objective after 7 years of economic and social crisis?

- **Peter Bofinger**, Member of the German Council of Economic Experts, Professor at the University of Würzburg, Germany and Member of the PE Scientific Board
- **Pierre Moscovici**, EU Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs
- **Conny Reuter**, SOLIDAR Secretary General
- **Maria João Rodrigues**, Vice-President of the S&D Group
- **Nicolas Schmit**, Luxembourg Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Economy
- **Raymond Torres**, Director of ILO Research Department
- **Luca Visentini**, ETUC Confederal Secretary

This debate will include interactions with the audience.

18.00-18.15 Drawing first implications from the conference: **Frank Vandenbroucke**, Professor at Leuven and Amsterdam University, member of the Progressive Economy Scientific Board, former Vice-Prime Minister and former Minister for Social Affairs, Pensions and Work, Belgium

The event will be moderated by **Giovanna Pancheri**, Europe Correspondent for Sky TV Italia.