



**DEDICATED WORKING GROUP ON IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE
OF LABOUR MARKETS AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS**

4th (virtual) meeting: “Demographic change in the European Union”

24 November 2020

Agenda

09h15 – 09h30	<i>Connecting to meetings</i>
09h30 - 10h00	Separate preparatory meetings: planning the day
10h00 - 10h20	Welcome and introduction Maxime Cerutti , BusinessEurope Social Affairs Director Guillaume Affelat , CEEP Policy Advisor Liliane Volozinskis , SMEUnited Social Affairs Director Esther Lynch , ETUC Deputy General Secretary
10h20 – 11h10	Challenges and policy responses related to demographic change Ana Carla Pereira , European Commission, Cabinet Expert, Cabinet of Commissioner Nicholas Schmit, <i>Demographic change and the implementation of the Council Recommendation on Access to Social Protection</i> Rait Kuuse , Chair of the Social Protection Committee, <i>Country Specific Recommendations on pensions and healthcare reforms</i> <i>Discussion</i>
11h10 - 11h30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h30 – 12h45	Longer lives and challenges of a more secure and longer professional careers Setting the scene: Shruti Singh , OECD, Labour Market Economist Svetlana Doncheva , Head of Project Management Center, BIA, Bulgaria Dr Josef Woess , AK Wien/OGB, Austria <i>Discussion</i>
12h45-13h45	<i>Lunch break</i>



14h00-14h45	<p>Adequate, accessible and sustainable pensions: challenges and working solutions</p> <p>Setting the scene: Vitor Manuel Junqueira, Director of National Pensions Centre of the Social Security Institute, Portugal Fabio Porcelli, UIL, Italy Antti Tanskanen, EK, Senior Adviser, Finland</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
14h45-15h30	<p>Social Partners and challenges of demographic change: what can be done?</p> <p>Mario van Mierlo, Chair of BusinessEurope Social Protection Working Group , VNO-NCW, the Netherlands Mario E. Sánchez Richter, CCOO, Spain</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15h30 - 16h00	<p>Separate meetings: taking stock of the discussions</p>
16h00 - 16h30	<p>Conclusions: Assessing the need for joint or coordinated Social Partners' proposals/actions</p> <p>Liina Carr, ETUC Confederal Secretary Guillaume Affelat, CEEP Policy Advisor Liliane Volozinskis, SMEunited Social Affairs Director Maxime Cerutti, BusinessEurope Social Affairs Director</p>
16h30	<p><i>End of the meeting</i></p>

