

## THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EURO: A COMMON CRISIS - WHERE IS THE EXIT?

Athens seminar - 4 November 2011

### Debat crisis, crisis of the social model: what are the role and the responsibility of social actors?

#### PROGRAM

9h : Registration

9h30 : **Opening of the seminar**

- Christos Polyzogopoulos, President of the ESC
- Roger Briesch, Europe Lasaire delegate

10h00 : **Session 1**

**Crisis and financialization: what are the effects on the social development model? What are the effects on democracy?**

Chair: Anne-Marie Grozelier, Secretary-General of Lasaire

10h00-10h45 : Presentation of the issue by Joël Maurice and Theodoros Sakellariopoulos, Professor at the Panteion University of Athens

10h45-11h30 : Speakers

- Klaus Mehrens, IG Metall
- Irene Paris (EESC)
- Ioannis Kouzis (INE-GSEE trade union institute)

11h30-12h30 : General debate

#### 12h30 – Lunch

13h30 : **Session 2**

**European wage negotiations, competition or convergence**

Chair: Udo Rehfeldt, researcher at ESRI (Economic and Social Research Institute)

13h30-14h15 : Presentation of the issue by Vera Glassner, Researcher at ETUI

14h15-14h45 : Speakers

- Evelyne Léonard, expert. Professor at the Louvain School of Management (UCL)
- Patrick Itschert (ETUC)
- Konstantinos Chantzarides, President of Trader's Association of Thes/niki
- Christos Ioannou, Economist PHD (OMED, Organisation of Arbitration and Mediation)

14h45-16h45 : General debate

16h45 : **Sum up and conclusions**

- Joël Decaillon, Vice president

- Georges Dassis, President of the EESC Workers'Group

17h15 : End of meeting



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