Final Conference DIADSE project – 'Labour Law Reforms and Social Dialogue in Europe: Comparative Perspectives'

29 September 2016

Venue: The International Auditorium, International Trade Union House, Koning Albert II-laan, No. 5 / 2, Brussels

Provisional Program

8.45 - 9.15 – Registration with coffee and tea

9.15 –Welcome, introduction, overview of project results

- Welcome and opening words – Prof. Dr. Evert Verhulp, HSI/University of Amsterdam;
- 'DIADSE project in overview: key issues on labour law trends and reforms in the EU' - Dr. Nuria Ramos Martín, HSI/University of Amsterdam;
- 'Comparative perspectives on the role of the social partners in social reforms' – Dr. Robert Knegt, HSI/University of Amsterdam;
- A New Start to European social dialogue - Social dialogue in support of the recovery – Sven Matzke (Representative of the European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion) (to be confirmed)

10.30 – Round table: Experts views on the effects and application of labour and social dialogue reforms, Chair: Pablo Gimeno, Univ. Carlos III-Madrid

- Kevin Duffy, Former Chair Labour Court of Appeal Dublin – Ireland
- Anne Wouters, SER – The Netherlands
- Dr. Roman Gil, Sagardoy Law Firm – Spain

11.30 – Coffee Break

11.50 – Structural Reforms in the Shadow of the Troika – the cases of Ireland, Portugal and Spain – Chair Dr. Esther Koot

- Dr. Anthony Kerr – Ireland,
- Dr. Maria do Paz Lima/Manuel Abrantes, CESIS – Portugal,
- Prof. Dr. Francisco Javier Gómez Abelleira, Univ. Carlos III-Madrid – Spain

12.50 – Lunch Break

13.45 - Undertaking Reforms in corporatist systems – the case studies of the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany, Chair Dr. Robert Mooney

- Prof. Dr. Evert Verhulp, University of Amsterdam – The Netherlands
- Prof. Alexander de Becker, University of Hasselt – Belgium
- Dr. Stephanie Steinmetz, - University of Amsterdam – Germany

14.45 (Re)-building Social Dialogue Structures – The reforms of consolidated structures versus the setting up of bargaining systems, Chair: Ana Belen Munoz, Univ. Carlos III-Madrid

- Dr. J.H. Bennaars, University of Amsterdam, case study – France
- Magdalena Kurus- Ombudsman Office – Poland
- Dr. Attila Kun, University of Budapest – Hungary

14.45 Coffee break

15.10 Round Table: The position of social partners in labour market reforms and future perspectives of social dialogue in Europe, Chair: Prof. Paul de Beer

- 'Inequalities on the labour market: the effects of structural reforms', Prof. Dr. Paul de Beer, University of Amsterdam
- Employers' representative, (to be confirmed)
- Trade union representative (to be confirmed)
- Dirk Bergrath, representative of IG Metall in Brussels, (to be confirmed)

16.25 - Debate
16.45 - Closure: Prof. Dr. Evert Verhulp
16.50 - Reception
17.45 - End of conference

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