

In the framework of the Spanish Presidency in the first half of 2010, the first of the trio of the Spanish, Belgian and Hungarian Presidencies, Spain's Economic and Social Council wishes to join the debate on Europe's multi-dimensional strategy for economic growth and employment recovery. This needs to be considered in the light of the Lisbon experience and the changes caused by the economic and financial crisis, at a time that is marked by entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty and the community initiatives on the European Union 2020 Strategy.

The Seminar aims to offer a forum for discussion by the European Union member countries' Economic and Social Councils and the European Economic and Social Committee, enabling them to share their national experiences and different viewpoints, unique because of the diversity and representativeness of their members and the search for cross-cutting and consensus at these institutions.

The Economic and Social Councils, which are consultative institutions for participation and dialogue, analysis and diagnosis, wish to make their own contribution to the debate at the end of the Lisbon Strategy and the start of a new one.

The Madrid Seminar will be the first of three. The other two will be held in September 2010 by Belgium's Central Economic Council and its National Labour Council, and in 2011 by Hungary's Economic and Social Council, in parallel with their respective Presidencies of the Council of the European Union.

PLACE AND DATE OF THE MEETING

Assembly-room
Consejo Económico y Social de España
Calle de las Huertas, 73
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29 - 30 de abril de 2010

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Programme

Thursday, 29 April 2010

8,45 h. Arrival of participants. Registration and documentation

9,15 h. Opening Session

Marcos Peña

Chairman of Spain's Economic and Social Council

Paul Windey

Chairman of Belgium's National Labour Council

Robert Tollet

Chairman of Belgium's Central Economic Council

László Parragh

Chairman of Hungary's Economic and Social Council

10,00 h. Coffee break

Part 1. National experiences regarding the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy

10,30 h. Talk by **Xavier Prats**

Director for Employment, the Lisbon Strategy and International Affairs, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. "Lessons learnt from the Lisbon Strategy"

11,00 h. Round table:

Marcos Peña

Chairman of Spain's Economic and Social Council

Veronique Timmerhuis

Secretary General of the Netherlands' Economic and Social Council

Jacques Dermagne

Chairman of the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council

Ioannis Stefanou

Vicechairman of the Greek Economic and Social Council

Chairman

Frederic Monell

Vice Chairman of Spain's Economic and Social Council, member of Group I (Trade unions)

12,15 h. Debate

13,00 h. End of the morning session

13,15 h. Lunch

Part 2. Interaction between the European level and national levels

15,00 h. Talk by **Staffan Nilsson**

Chairman of the Lisbon Strategy Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee

15,30 h. Round table:

Robert Tollet

Chairman of the Belgian Central Economic Council

Raffaele Vanni

Member of the Italian National Council for Economy and Labour

Lalko Dulevski

Chairman of the Bulgarian Economic and Social Council

Chairman

José M^a Lacasa

Vice Chairman of Spain's Economic and Social Council, member of Group II (employers' organisations)

16,15 h. Debate

17,00 h. **Keynote speech by Joaquín Almunia**

Vice Chairman of the European Commission, Competition Commissioner

17,45 h. End of session

20,00 h. Cocktail for the participants

Friday, 30 April 2010

9,15 h. Arrival of participants

Part 3. The future of the Strategy in a changing environment

9,30 h. Talk by **Javier Vallés**

Director of the Economic Office of the Spanish Prime Minister and National Coordinator of the Lisbon Strategy

10,00 h. Round table:

László Parragh

Chairman of Hungary's Economic and Social Council

Rory O'Donnell

Director of the Irish National Economic and Social Council

Serge Allegrezza

Chairman of the Economic and Social Council of Luxembourg

José da Silva

Chairman of Portugal's Economic and Social Council

Chairman

Juan Antonio Pedreño

Member of Group III (Various interests) of Spain's Economic and Social Council

11,15 h. Debate

11,45 h. Coffee break

12,00 h. **Conclusions of the three Parts**

15 min. per part, presented by each chairperson

13,00 h. **Closing session**

Marcos Peña

Chairman of the Spanish Economic and Social Council

Paul Windey

Chairman of Belgium's National Labour Council

Robert Tollet

Chairman of Belgium's Central Economic Council

Mario Sepi

Chairman of the European Economic and Social Committee

Diego López Garrido

Secretary of State for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain

13,45 h. End of the Seminar

14,00 h. Cocktail