

**Conference held by the French Presidency
Paris, 17 and 18 November 2008**

Strengthening co-operation between Member States in the field of social security co-ordination

MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER

1:00pm Registration

2:00pm – 2:30pm Conference Opening Session

. Chairperson and Opening Speaker: *Mr. E. Woerth, Minister for the Budget, Public Accounts, and the Civil Service*

. *Mr. Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, and Equal Opportunities,*

. *Mr. Marián Hošek, Deputy Minister for Labour and Social Affairs (CZ)*

. *Ms. Laurette Onkelinx, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health (BE)*

2:30pm – 3:45pm 1st session – The results of the *ad hoc* “Frauds and Errors” Group

. Chairperson: *Elisabete Silveira, Department of International Social Security Relations (PT)*

. Rapporteur: *Derek Coulthard, Rapporteur of the “Frauds and Errors” Group (UK)*

. Panel: - *Didier Verbeke, F.P.S. Social Security (BE)*

- *Piotr Popek, Department for Co-ordinating Agreements on Social Security (PL)*

- *Ludvig Guldal, Director of Employment and Welfare (NO)*

- *Prof. Lauri Leppik, Professor at the University of Tallinn, national expert, trESS (EE)*

Debate with participants

3:45pm – 4:45pm 2nd session – The contribution of new regulations to co-operation between Member States: the legal and technical framework

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Franz Marhold, Institute for Employment Law and Social Law, Karl Franzens University, Graz*

Rapporteurs:

- *Hélène Michard, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission*
- *Bernhard Spiegel, Chairperson of the Working Group (AT)*

- . Panel: - *Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament*
- *Prof. Danny Pieters, Professor at the University of Louvain*

Debate with participants

4:45pm – 5:00pm Coffee break

5:00pm – 6:00pm 3rd session: Specific legal implications: exchange of files and data protection

- . Chairperson: *Benoît Parlos, National Delegate for the Fight against Fraud (Fr)*

Rapporteurs:

- *Alfonso Scirocco, European Data Protection Supervisor*
- *Jeanne Bossi, Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés (Data Protection Authority) (FR)*

- Panel: - *Miranda Vermeulen, International Fraud Information Office (NL)*
- *Prof. Jean-Philippe Lhernould, Professor at the University of Poitiers (FR)*

Debate with participants

8:00pm Presidency Dinner (Méri­dien Montparnasse Hotel)

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

9:00am – 10:20am 4th session: Concrete examples of best practice in co-operation between Member States

Chairperson: *Jackie Morin, European Commission*

.Rapporteurs:

- *Helmut Weber, Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs (DE)*
- *Geoff Ogle, Director of the International Pensions Centre (UK)*

- . Panel: - *Mr. Lauris Beets, Director for International Affairs (NL)*
- *Ms. Iskra Boneva, Director for European Integration and International Relations (BG)*

Debate with participants

10:20am – 10:35am Coffee break

10:35am – 12:00pm 5th session - Possibilities and perspectives: institutional co-operation beyond the regulatory framework

Chairperson: *Jérôme Vignon, Director General, European Commission*

Rapporteur: *Prof. Yves Jorens, Professor in Social Security Law and European Social Law at the University of Ghent, trESS expert*

Panel: - *Rob Cornelissen, Adviser to the Director General, European Commission*

- *Dominique Libault, Director of Social Security (FR)*

- *Ger Essers, FNV (Federatie Nederlandse Vakbeweging – Federation of Netherlands Trade Unions)*

- *an employers' representative (tbc)*

Debate with participants

12:00pm Conclusions

. *Jérôme Vignon, Director General, European Commission*

. *Dominique Libault, Director of Social Security (FR)*
