



Civil Society Seminar of the European Centre of Expertise (ECE) in the field of Employment and Labour Market Policies

“Fostering an inclusive and sustainable recovery in the European Semester context - exchange of views with civil society”

Draft Agenda

15 June 2021

Morning (all times are CEST)

MS Teams	
09:45 – 10:00	Technical set-up and virtual networking coffee Participants to log-in through the link 15 minutes before the beginning of the event
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of play on the European Semester and the Recovery and Resilience Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ European Commission, DG EMPL <p><i>The interventions will be followed by Q&A.</i></p>
10:30 – 11:15	Discussion on the involvement of civil society organisations in the European Semester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EESC’s Resolution “Involvement of Organised Civil Society in the National Recovery and Resilience Plans – What works and what does not?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Luca Jahier, former President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) • The Role of Civil Society in Policy Making in the Member States – Reflections based on research conducted for the country reports in 2019/2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prof. Dr. Helmut Anheier, Lead Expert, Hertie School of Governance <p><i>The interventions will be followed by Q&A and an open discussion with participants.</i></p>
11:15 – 11:20	Brief introduction to the topics of the working groups & MURAL
11:20 – 11:35	Brief comfort break and working group allocation



11:35 – 12:35	<p>Brainstorming on 'Progress and Challenges in light of the 2019-20 CSRs'</p> <p><i>Brainstorming in moderated working groups on six thematic areas, in the presence of European Commission policy officers with subject matter expertise.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Social protection • Group 2: Homelessness/Housing • Group 3: Access to healthcare • Group 4: Child Poverty • Group 5: Gender equality • Group 6: Employment
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Afternoon (all times are CEST)

13:45 – 14:00	<p>Technical set-up around a virtual welcome coffee</p> <p>Participants to log-in through the link 15 minutes before the beginning of the event in order to test the tools and meet other participants.</p>
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Reporting back using MURAL</p> <p><i>Designated rapporteurs from EU-level civil society organisations will share the main outcomes of the break-out groups with all participants.</i></p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Panel discussion: Experience of civil society on their involvement in the European Semester and RRP process: challenges ahead and appropriate policy responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSO Representative, Member State (TBC) • CSO Representative, Member State (TBC) • CSO Representative, Member State (TBC) • CSO Representative, Member State (TBC) • European Commission (TBC) <p><i>The interventions will be followed by Q&A and an open discussion with participants.</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	<p>Brief comfort break and group allocation</p>
15:45 – 16:15	<p>Structured Networking with European Semester Officers</p> <p><i>Participants will be able to meet up with European Semester Officers in smaller groups to exchange more concretely about the situation on the ground.</i></p>
16:15– 16:30	<p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Commission, DG EMPL