

Fiscal and budgetary policy for Social Europe: Lessons from and beyond the RRF

Policy Event

Draft Agenda

4th of November 2026 - Thon Hotel EU Brussels

Rue De La Loi / Wetstraat 75, Brussels, Belgium

Conference programme

9:00- 9:30	Doors open (coffee)
9:30-9:35	Welcome address by Evelyn Astor (Director, OSE)
9:35-10:00	Keynote by Markus Haverland (PEGAP, EUR) The PEGAP project ¹ - rationale, results, lessons
10:00-11:30	Session 1 - The RRF: National experiences and lessons Chair - Sonja Bekker (University of Utrecht) <i>Introduction</i> by Sonja Bekker <i>Policy background and research findings</i> by Stefano Scibilia (PEGAP, EUR) <i>Roundtable discussion</i> • Gian Marco Muraro and Rossella Pignataro (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs – Italy) • Marina Lovelace Fernandez (Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU) (<i>tbc</i>) • Rexin Singotani (Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU) <i>Discussion with audience</i> <i>Conclusion by Chair</i>

¹ The project 'Post-pandemic Economic Governance Amidst Politicisation' (PEGAP) has been conducted by the Erasmus University Rotterdam and financed by the Dutch Research Council (NWO).

11:30-11:45

Coffee break

11:45-13:15

Session 2 - Social policy reforms through the Stability and Growth Pact and the European Semester: What can the RRF teach us?

Chair - David Moloney (PEGAP, EUR)

Introduction by David Moloney

Policy background and research findings by Sebastiano Sabato (OSE)

Roundtable discussion

- Katia Berti (European Commission, DG EMPL, Head of Unit)
- Marco Cilento (ETUC, Head of Institutional Policy)
- Lúcio Vinhas de Souza (Business Europe, Chief Economist and Director of the Economics Department)

Discussion with audience

Conclusion by Chair

13:15-14:30

Lunch

14:30-16:00

Session 3 - Social and territorial partnerships in the new MFF: lessons from the RRF

Chair - Amandine Crespy (ULB)

Introduction by Amandine Crespy

Policy background and research findings by Antoine Athanassiadis (OSE)

Roundtable discussion

- Alexane Barrouillet (European Commission, DG Budget, Policy officer)
- Goksen Sahin (ICLEI Europe, Policy and Advocacy Lead)
- Member of the European Parliament (*tbc*)

Discussion with audience

Conclusion by Chair