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) *Introduction* by Sonja Bekker *Policy background and research findings* by Stefano Scibilia (PEGAP, EUR) *Roundtable discussion* • Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU (tbc) • Miguel Fernández Diéz-Picazo (Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU) (tbc) • Johan van Rijn (Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU) *Discussion with audience* *Conclusion* by Chair

[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*