



European Council

**Invitation to the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment**Brussels, **27 SEP. 2017**

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

To strengthen the positive trends and further convergence within the European Union, our economies need to become more competitive, resilient, inclusive and innovative. Relevant policy reforms ensure the longer term sustainability of the economic recovery and improve the resilience to future economic and social challenges. Social priorities must be a key part of these reform efforts.

As part of the broader debate on the future of Europe, the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment provides a timely opportunity to discuss the social and the economic dimensions of the European Union. This Tripartite Social Summit being held before the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth in Gothenburg on 17 November therefore focuses on 'Shaping Europe's future: strengthening resilience and promoting economic and social progress for all'.

In addition, to contribute to addressing these issues the Commission presented last April a proposal for a European Pillar of Social Rights. The Commission has entered into discussions with the Council and the European Parliament to ensure broad political support and high-level endorsement for the European Pillar of Social Rights. Following its White Paper on the Future of Europe, the Commission also published a reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe.

Participants to this Tripartite Social Summit are in particular invited to express their views on the social dimension of Europe, on the progress made and ways to improve the involvement of social partners in policies and reforms at national level, as well as on investing in learning in a digital economy and society.

We are pleased to invite you to this Tripartite Social Summit. The meeting will take place in the Europa building, 155 Rue de la Loi, Brussels, from 14.00 to 17.00 on 18 October 2017 and will be followed by a press conference.

Yours sincerely,

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