

TRIPARTITE SOCIAL SUMMIT

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2017 IN BRUSSELS

This Autumn Social Summit will be devoted to ***"Shaping Europe's future: strengthening resilience and promoting economic and social progress for all"***. Three sub-themes will feed into this discussion:

- (i) *The social dimension of Europe;*
- (ii) *The involvement of the social partners in policies and reforms at national level - progress made and ways to improve;*
- (iii) *Investing in learning in a digital economy and society.*

As part of the broader debate on the future of Europe, the Tripartite Social Summit (TSS) provides a timely opportunity to discuss the social dimension in the context of shaping the future agenda. The TSS will concentrate, in particular, on the role of the social partners in building economic and social progress, both at the Union and national levels. The Commission reflection paper on the Social dimension of Europe serves as background to the discussion.

The social partners will also be invited to express their views on investing in learning in a digital economy and society.

Digitalisation implies a reorientation of work and education to prepare for new jobs, but also broader adaptations in society and the economy. In this context, the role of the social partners will also need to adapt to these new challenges.

Digitalisation was already the theme of a special summit which took place on 29 September in Tallinn where EU leaders discussed digital innovation and how to bring the EU into the digital age.

This TSS will also feed into the discussions of the Social Summit for fair jobs and growth to be held in Gothenburg on 17 November.

[Commission white paper on the future of Europe](#)

[Commission reflection paper on the social dimension of Europe](#)

[Remarks by President Donald Tusk after the Tallinn digital summit](#)

[Conclusions of the Prime Minister of Estonia Jüri Ratas after the Tallinn digital summit](#)

¹ This note has been drawn up under the responsibility of the press office.

Background information

The Tripartite Social Summit is a forum for dialogue between the EU institutions at president level and the European social partners at top management level.

The summit is co-chaired by the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission and the Head of State or Government of the rotating presidency, currently Estonia's Prime Minister.

The social partners participating are: BusinessEurope, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), CEEP (European Centre of employers and enterprises), UEAPME (SMEs European Organisation) and Eurocadres.

Programme:

The [meeting](#) will begin at **14.00**.

A press conference will be held at +/- **17.00**.

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