

TRIPARTITE SOCIAL SUMMIT

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER IN BRUSSELS

Discussions in the Social summit will focus on "**Boosting convergence, jobs and growth: towards a strengthened role of social partners**".

This discussion is in line with efforts and initiatives at European level to give new momentum to the European social dialogue. The dialogue remains an essential instrument for ensuring better economic and social governance at European level.

Economic growth and confidence are returning to the European Union. Overall, labour markets are steadily improving, underpinned by a strengthening of economic activity. The unemployment rate in the EU (and the Euro area) continues to show a modest but steady decrease since mid-2013.

A well-functioning social dialogue, as well as enhanced social partners' involvement in European economic governance at national and EU levels, is key to achieve the objective of delivering economic growth, creating jobs, and protecting the European social model.

Furthermore, as stated by the European social partners in their 2015-2017 work programme: 'the European social dialogue needs to further develop in order to reflect and respond to the needs of more diverse economic and social situations in the enlarged European Union'.

Participants to this Tripartite Social Summit will therefore be invited to express in particular their views on :

- the report on 'Completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union',
- the challenges facing social Europe,
- synergies and convergence between the EU institutions' work programmes and the recently adopted 2015-2017 work programme of the European social partners.

Background information

The Tripartite Social Summit is taken place ahead of the [European Council](#) on 15 and 16 October.

It is a forum for dialogue between the EU institutions at president level and the European social partners at senior management level. As for the social partners, employers will be represented by BusinessEurope and trade unions by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC).

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

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.

Programme:

*The meeting will begin at **9.30**.*

*A press conference will be held at **12.30**.*

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