Panel discussion between Ministers and Civil Society representatives: 9:40-11:15

Stimulating Intergenerational Dialogue and Solidarity Between the Generations: A Shared Responsibility

The panel with a focus on ageing as a life-course process will discuss the ways to ensure intergenerational reciprocity and measures to promote solidarity between generations as one of the pillars of social cohesion. The panellists are expected to review the issues on social rights and obligations of younger and older people and how existing and potential conflicts can be resolved. The risk of pension systems crowding out investments in youth or questions regarding the right to education, the social rights of different generations, and the solidarity behind social institutions will be considered, among other aspects.

Chair/Moderator: Ms. Ursula Lehr
“Gerontologist of the first hour” and Chairperson of BAGSO, the German Federal Head Organization of Senior Citizens’ Organizations, Former German Minister of Youth, Family, Women and Health

Keynote speakers: Ms. Irene Hoskins
President of International Federation on Ageing 2006 - 2012

Mr. Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Board Member, European Youth Forum

Panellists:
Mrs. Sotiroula Charalambous
Minister of Labour and social insurance, Cyprus (EU Presidency)

Mr. Davor Dominkus, Director General, on behalf of Mrs. Patricia Čular
State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Family and Social affairs, Slovenia

Representatives of Civil Society:

Mrs. Anne-Sophie Parent
Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe

Mrs. Hilde Hawlicek
Austrian Council of Senior Citizens Organisations

Ms. Jenny Beekmann
Author of “Silence between Generations? Characteristics and determinants of intergenerational communication processes between young and older persons”

Rapporteur: Mrs. Marja Vaarama
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Professor of Social Work and Social Gerontology at the University of Lapland

Discussion and questions from the audience