



**S&D Group Workshop:  
Social Progress in Action - Fair Minimum Wages for Workers in Europe**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 20 November 2024, 15.00 - 18.15  
European Parliament, Room Spinelli 3G-3**

*Moderated by Katrina Sichel*

**15.00 - 15.10 Welcoming remarks by MEP Iratxe García Pérez, S&D Group President**

**15.10 - 15.15 Opening Remarks by MEP Gaby Bischoff, S&D Group Vice President responsible for Sustainable Economy and Social Europe**

**15.15 - 15.30 Keynote speech by Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights**

**15.30 - 16.45 Session I: From Law to Reality: Implementing the European Minimum Wage Directive in the Member States**

**Speakers:**

- Ivailo Kalfin, Executive Director, Eurofound
- Prof. Dr Sacha Garben, College of Europe
- Dr. Torsten Müller, European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)
- Luboslav Kostov, Director of the Institute for Social and Trade Union Research, Education and Training (ISTURET), Bulgaria (*online*)
- Aušra Januškevičiūtė, International Secretary, Lithuanian Trade Union Confederation (*online*)
- Elmar Smid, Netherlands Trade Union Confederation (FNV)

**Q&A session with the audience**

**16.45 - 18.05 Session II: Fair Wages and collective bargaining as a prerequisite for a competitive Europe**

**Speakers:**

- Agnes Jongerius, former S&D EMPL Coordinator and Co-Rapporteur of the Directive on adequate minimum wages
- Esther Lynch, ETUC General Secretary
- Oliver Röpke, EESC President
- MEP Estelle Ceulemans, S&D EMPL Coordinator

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**18.05 - 18.15 Concluding remarks by MEP Gaby Bischoff, S&D Group Vice President responsible for Sustainable Economy and Social Europe**