



Programme

Thursday 26 March 2015
From 09.30- 15.30
BIP, 2-4 rue Royale in Brussels

09:30 Welcoming and opening of the PES Growth Conference 2015

- **Sergei Stanishev**, President of the Party of European Socialists
- **Laurette Onkelinx**, Vice-president, Leader of the Group in the Chamber of Representatives, PS, Belgium
- **Nicolas Schmit**, Minister for Labour, Employment, Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg

10:00 Interactive keynote: Is Europe entering a deflationary spiral?

What lessons can Europe learn from Japan and the US?

- **MEP Maria Joao Rodrigues**, Vice-President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, PS, Portugal
- **Damon Silvers**, Director of Policy and Special Counsel American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), USA
- **Machiko Nissanke**, Professor at the University of SOAS, London, Japan
- Q&A

11:00 Panel 1: Fostering Growth in Europe: what are appropriate tools?

What are the financial, fiscal and monetary instruments to fund and promote investments?

Moderator:

- **Ernst Stetter**, Secretary-General of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Speakers:

- **Sandro Gozi**, State Secretary for European Affairs, Italy
- **MEP Maria Joao Rodrigues**, Vice-President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, PS, Portugal
- **Ronald Janssen**, Chief Economist of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- Q&A



12:00 Lunch break

13:00 Debate: Social justice and consolidating budgets – striking a new balance

Moderator:

- **Guillaume Duval**, Chief Editor of Alternatives Economiques

Speakers:

- **Pierre Moscovici**, EU Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs
- **Bernadette Ségol**, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation

14:00 Panel 2: Smart, inclusive and sustainable – how to harness the full potential of investments?

What are the sectors where investment could have maximum impact, and what role do social policies play in making growth sustainable?

Moderator:

- **Yonnec Polet**, Deputy Secretary-General of the Party of European Socialists

Speakers:

- **Xavier Timbeau**, Director of the French Economic Observatory (OFCE) France
- **László Andor**, former EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Mercator Senior Fellow at Hertie School of Governance
- **Jonás Fernández**, Member of the European Parliament, PSOE, Spain
- **MEP Agnes Jongerius**, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, PvdA, Netherlands
- Q&A

15:00 Closing remarks: The way forward – a progressive agenda for jobs and growth

- **Gianni Pittella**, President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament
- **Sergei Stanishev**, President of the Party of European Socialists

