

5th ESIP Annual Forum
ESIP at 30: Social security that moves Europe –
Growth, competitiveness and social protection
Brussels, 14 October 2026
Programme

Meeting venue: The North Rhine-Westphalian State Representation (rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels) Registration opens: 08:30 | Moderated by Yannis Natsis, Director, European Social Insurance Platform (ESIP)

09:00 Welcome speech by Valeria Bonavolontà, President, European Social Insurance Platform (ESIP)

09:15-09:45 Keynote by Roxana Mînzatu, Executive Vice-President for social rights and skills, quality jobs and preparedness, European Commission

Panel I Future-proofing social security coordination (09:45-10:45)

883: A deal at last – now what? Setting-the-scene presentation by Alexandra Brunner, ESIP Vice-President followed by panel discussion:

- Hellen van Dongen, Board Member, Social Security Bank (SVB), The Netherlands
- Benoit Abeloos, Deputy Head, Social Security Coordination Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion (DG EMPL), European Commission
- Kryštof Zrcek, Deputy Director-General, Czech Social Security Administration (CSSZ)
- Stefan Solle, Head, Department International Relations, Federation of German Employers' Associations in the Metal and Electrical Engineering Industries (Gesamtmetall)

10:45-11:15 Fireside chat with Vanessa Ahuja, Chair, European Network of Public Employment Services (PES Network) & Board Member for Benefits and International Affairs, German Federal Employment Agency (BA)

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

Panel II Health beyond borders: strengthening access across Europe (11:45-12:45)

- Zoltán Kaló, Director-General, National Health Insurance Fund (NEAK), Hungary
- Robert Ljoljo, Director-General, Health Insurance Institute (ZZZS), Slovenia
- Rosa Castro, Public Affairs Director, EURORDIS - Rare Diseases Europe
- Vlad Voiculescu, Member of the European Parliament (Renew, Romania)

12:45-13:45 Lunch

Panel III Making mobility easier: digitalisation, simplification and trust (13:45-14:45)

Address by Valeria Vittimberga, Director-General, National Institute for Social Security (INPS), Italy followed by panel discussion:

- Germana Viglietta, Head of Brussels Liaison Office, European Labour Authority (ELA)
- Lasse Lehtonen, Director-General, The Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela)
- Cristina Tilling, Head of Land Transport Department, European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)

14:45-15:30 100% Sovereignty is not the goal. The right level is

Expert contribution by André Glenzer, Managing Director and Partner, PwC Cyber Security Services, PwC Germany Sovereignty Co-Lead

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:20 ESIP's 30th Anniversary: social security between history and memory

presentation by Olivier Corbobbese, Director of International Relations, National Family Benefits Fund (CNAF, France)

16:20-17:00 What should Europe's social security systems look like in 2035?

Fireside chat with Nicolas Schmit, President, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) & former European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

17:00-18:00 Networking reception

