

**4<sup>th</sup> ESIP Pension Policy Workshop**  
co-organised with the Research Network (FNA) of the German Pension Insurance (DRV Bund)

***'Pensions and Active Ageing in Europe: ESIP's Annual Pension Workshop'***

Berlin, 11 March 2026

**Meeting venue:** DRV-Bund, Heilbronner Straße 26, 10711 Berlin, Germany

Registration opens: 13:00, event starts at 13:30 until 16:30, followed by networking reception | Moderated by Yannis Natsis, Director, European Social Insurance Platform (ESIP)

**Programme**

13:00 Registration opens

13:30 Welcome speech by Gundula Roßbach, President, German Federal Pension Insurance (DRV Bund)

13:40 Welcome Speech by Niko Väänänen, Chair of ESIP Pension Committee

Panel 1 ***Investing in people to extend working lives – strengthening workforce in an ageing society with pension schemes under pressure (13:50-15:00)***

- Jere Päivinen, Chair of Working Group on Adequate Social Protection in Old Age (WG ADAGE) of the Social Protection Committee
- Shruti Singh, Senior Economist in the Skills and Employment Division of the OECD
- Silke Übelmesser, Professor of Economics/ Public Finance, University of Jena
- Valeria Vittimberga, General Director, National Institute for Social Security (INPS), Italy

Coffee break 15:00-15:15

Panel 2 ***Adjustments for sustainable and secure pensions-national experiences beyond raising the retirement age (15:15-16:20)***

Introductory note by Gabriele Fava, President, National Institute for Social Security (INPS), Italy

Input by Slavina Spasova, Director, European Social Observatory (OSE)

Followed by discussion:

- Diana Starmans, Chair of the Board, Social Insurance Bank (SVB), The Netherlands
- Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak, Professor of Economics and Vice Rector for Research, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland
- Mikko Kautto, Managing Director, Finnish Centre for Pensions (ETK), Finland
- Valdis Zagorskis, Deputy Head of Unit Social Protection, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

16:20 Closing remarks by Ellen von den Driesch, Head of the FNA, German Federal Pension Insurance

16:30 Networking reception