



REIF CONFERENCE
ACCOMPANYING GENERATIONS :
A CHALLENGE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY IN FRANCE AND IN EUROPE
March 25, 2022, PARIS, ESEC

PROGRAMME

[REIF](#) is organizing a **high-level conference** during and certified by the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union **on March 25, 2022** (9.00am-5.30pm) on the following theme: ***Accompanying generations: a challenge for social security in France and in Europe.***

This event will gather approximately 150 people at the Economic, Social and Environmental Council in Paris and will also be held online. It will be simultaneously interpreted into French and English.

Registration and welcome coffee
8.00-9.00

Entrance: 9 Place d'Iéna, 75016 Paris

Introductory session
9.00-9.30 am

Martine Vignau, ESEC Vice-President (**confirmed**)

Isabelle Sancerni, REIF President (**confirmed**)

Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights (**confirmed**)

Dragoş Pîslaru, Member of European Parliament, Chair of the Employment and Social affairs Committee (Romania– Renew Europe) (**confirmed**)

Clément Beaune, State Secretary to the Minister for Europe and Foreign affairs in charge of European Affairs (**confirmed for a video message**).

Round table 1

9.30-10.45 am

How to respond to the demographic challenges linked to ageing in the EU?

Round table 2

10.45 am – 12.00 pm

Support for families and job seekers, two complementary levers for an effective anti-poverty policy.

Lunch break

12.00 – 2.00 pm

Round table 3

2.00 – 3.30 pm

Access to health innovations and price regulation mechanisms

Round table 4

3.30 – 5.00 pm

How can social competition be reduced while ensuring fair and equitable mobility?

Conclusive session

5.00 – 5.30 pm

Synthesis of the debates and perspectives

ROUND TABLES: CONTENT

Round table 1

How to respond to the demographic challenges linked to ageing in the EU?

(9.30-10.45 am)

This round table, which will be introduced by a comparative presentation of the impact of ageing in France and in Europe, aims to highlight the challenges common to all Member States but also the specificities of the approaches implemented (e.g. social action policy of social security organisations in France, holistic approach and use of digital technology in Denmark, etc.).

Themes to be addressed

- Specificity and added value of extra-legal social action programs;
- Policies and actions to maintain populations in rural areas;
- Access to social rights for insured people;
- Establishment of integrated network services at local level to facilitate administrative procedures for insured persons;
- Life cycle approach (lifelong health prevention, employment policy, work-life balance, etc.);
- Home-based approach to preserve the autonomy of the elderly and to propose an individualised global offer;
- Cost of institutional care from a comparative perspective.

Speakers

François Lenglard, Director of Research, Studies, Evaluation and Statistics (Drees), Ministry of Solidarity and Health (**confirmed**)

François-Emmanuel Blanc, Ccmsa Director General (**confirmed**)

Renaud Villard, Cnav Director General (**confirmed**)

Virginie Magnant, Cnsa Director General (**confirmed**)

Nanna Skovgaard, Director of Health and Seniors at KL, Association of Danish municipalities in Denmark (**confirmed**)

Moderator

Isabelle Moreau, Editorial Director of the Social/HR Unit of AEF Info.

Round table 2

Support for families and job seekers, two complementary levers for an effective anti-poverty policy (10.45 am -12.00 pm)

The central theme is the fight against poverty, which is addressed through two different but complementary strands.

One strand places work-life-balance measures as key for parents' employment which is an essential condition against the risk of poverty for families; the second sets unemployment benefits as an economic and social stabiliser during periods of non-employment.

Themes to be addressed

- Work-life balance and investment in childcare to ensure parents' participation in the labour market (including measures taken during the Covid crisis);
- Presentation of the role of unemployment insurance as an economic and social stabiliser, the link with national solidarity;
- Specific measures taken during the Covid crisis regarding unemployment insurance;
- "Life cycle"/"life course" approach and personalised support to insured persons.

Speakers

Pascale Coton, Cftc Vice-President, ESEC Vice-President and member of the Social Affairs and Health Commission (**confirmed**)

Patricia Ferrand, Unédic President (**subject to change**)

Michel Villac, President of the High Council for Family, Childhood and Age (**confirmed**)

Martina Štěpánková Štýbrová, Director of the Department for Family Policy and Children's Rights, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic (**confirmed**)

Rita Skrebiskiene, Vice-Chair of the Social Protection Committee (**confirmed**)

Moderator

Isabelle Moreau, Editorial Director of the Social/HR Unit of AEF Info

Round table 3

Access to health innovations and price regulation mechanisms (2.00-3.30pm)

With the recast of the European pharmaceutical framework only a few months away, this roundtable aims to take stock of the challenges Member States face in ensuring real (and ideally timely) access to

health innovations for patients while ensuring sustainability for health insurance schemes. Innovative solutions, in particular new types of contracts, will be discussed.

Themes to be addressed

- What are the difficulties encountered in accessing pharmaceutical innovations?
- What innovative practices are or can be implemented? How can access be improved while containing prices and ensuring sustainability?
- What is the role of the EU in supporting Member States and which mechanisms should be included in the Pharmaceutical Strategy?
- Can multilateral cooperation support quicker and affordable access?

Speakers

Thomas Fatôme, Cnam Director General (**confirmed**)

Doris Pfeiffer, Chair of the Board, GKV (**confirmed**)

Benoît Collin, INAMI General Administrator (**confirmed**)

Sylvain Giraud, Head of Unit Medical products, DG SANTE, European Commission (**confirmed**)

Ruth Lopert, OECD Health policy analyst (**confirmed**)

Moderator

Dimitra Panteli, Programme Manager / Senior Health Systems Analyst at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Round table 4

How can social competition be reduced while ensuring fair and equitable mobility?

(3.30-5.00 pm)

In the uncertain legislative context induced by the absence of agreement on the revision of the Coordination Regulations, and while forms of mobility are evolving, this round table will highlight the political avenues envisaged for adapting the legal framework, as well as highlighting good practices, pilot projects and cooperation between social security organisations in the EU.

Themes to be addressed

- The importance of cooperation in the EU: how can the principle of loyal cooperation between social security administrations in the EU be implemented in practice?
- An example of successful cooperation: the construction of the international mobility management tool by Urssaf caisse nationale, inspired by the Belgian National Social Security Office systems ;
- Concrete levers and actions to improve the rights of mobile workers
- Empirical and economic studies on a large scale to better measure the phenomena of fraud in respect to posting and pluriactivity ;
- Prospective proposals: possible alternatives to the principle of a single applicable legislation of European coordination regulations?

Speakers

David Dion, Head of Unit in charge of Social Security Coordination (European Commission, DG EMPL) (**confirmed in principle**)

Gabriele Bischoff, Member of the European Parliament (Germany – S&D) (**confirmed**)

Bruno de Pauw, General Councillor, Office national de la sécurité sociale (Belgium) (**confirmed**)

Mathilde Munoz, economist, Economic School of Paris (**confirmed**)

Bruno Grégoire, Deputy Director for European and International relations, Urssaf Caisse nationale (France) (**confirmed**)

Moderator

Elise Debiès, Lawyer, Cabinet Avoclex.

Conclusive session

5.00 – 5.30 pm

Synthesis of the debates and perspectives

PATRONAGE/ LABELLING

REIF Conference has been granted the label for events organised by civil society under the French Presidency of the Council of the EU (outside of French Presidency of the Council budget).

The Representation of the French Social Security Institutions to the European Union (REIF) was created in May 2003 to represent the basic French social security funds to the European Union. Since 1 April 2015, it has brought together all the branches of the general scheme for employees and self-employed persons and the agricultural scheme: health insurance (CNAM), retirement (CNAV), family (CNAF), debt collection (Urssaf Caisse nationale, formerly Acoss), agricultural social security (CCMSA), as well as the National School for Social Security (EN3S), French National Security Funds (UCANSS). The Centre for European and International Social Security Liaison (CLEISS) and the Pension Fund for Flying Personnel Employed in Civil Aviation (CRPNPAC) have also joined. The National Union for Employment in Industry and Commerce (Unédic) and the National Solidarity Fund for Autonomy (CNSA) have been observing members of the REIF since 2001. The REIF has a permanent representation office in Brussels.

