Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth 2019

"The future of Social Europe post 2020"

20 May 2019 Crowne Plaza Hotel rue Gineste no 3, Brussels

08.00	Registration and welcome coffee
09.00	Official opening Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility Elena Solomonesc, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Justice, Romania
09.30	Plenary session Maithreyi Seetharaman, Co-Chair Fortune Most Powerful Women International Q&A with audience
10.30	Break / Change of room
10.45	 7 parallel workshops: 1. Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights as the vehicle for the Sustainable Development Goals in the social area 2. Improving social policy governance in Europe: cross-sector collaboration, public-private partnerships 3. Let's talk to each other: how to improve communication with EU citizens about Social Europe 4. Adapting to the future of work: shaping lives and jobs through inclusive lifelong learning 5. How the next multiannual financial framework and its funding instruments can be best used for inclusive growth 6. The future of the EU Disability Strategy 7. Social services: integrated approaches as a means to deliver the European Pillar of Social Rights
12.30	Lunch
14.00	Parallel activities: Showcasing best practices from across Europe Participants are invited to attend either the speed dating session or one of the side events • Speed dating session • Side events: 1. Lightning talks on access to financial services for all 2. Employment and social benefits: Combatting in-work poverty for persons with disabilities

	 3. Independent national defenders for a stronger social Europe post 2020: Using the European Pillar of Social Rights and the European Social Charter to advance the Sustainable Development Goals 4. Out-of-box housing solutions for the locked out: How can the EU foster innovation to address homelessness and housing exclusion? 5. How can investment in the social services workforce deliver inclusive growth? Innovative approaches in recruitment, retention and training
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15.30	Break / Change of room
15.45	Key messages and recommendations from the workshops
16.15	 Panel discussion on the conclusions and key messages of the day Katarina Ivanković Knežević, Director for Social Affairs, DG Employment, Social affairs and Inclusion, European Commission Kélig Puyet, Director Social Platform Mario van Mierlo, Chair of the BusinessEurope Social Protection Working Group Pasi Korhonen, Director of EU and International Affairs, Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
	Q&A with audience
17.00	Concluding remarks Joost Korte, Director-General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission