



The ESIP European Conference 2005 will take place in Paris on 9 December and will focus on the theme “**Economic performance and social protection**”.

### **Why “Economic performance and social protection”?**

At the Lisbon Summit in 2000, the European Union set itself the objective in the next ten years to become the “most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based society in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth”. At mid-term, it is clear that the majority of Member States are still very far from achieving the Lisbon targets.

In this context, the discussion on the effects of social protection on economic performance is increasing throughout Europe. Despite divergent economic theories, it is clear that the countries that have a high level of social protection benefit at the same time from a better overall economic performance than the world average.

Faced with today’s economic problems, the parallel development of economic performance and social protection becomes not only a necessity in the social and economic field but also, more widely, a political necessity for the European Union in view of its citizens, who expect it to find the right balance. Building Europe means building a society in which the European social model needs to find its place alongside economic performance. It is with these thoughts that we invite you to Paris.

### **Why Paris?**

Our systems are constantly evolving but certain events present the occasion to stand back and take a look into the future. In 2005, the French social security system celebrates its 60th anniversary. And, ESIP has happily agreed to allow its French members: the Caisse Centrale de la Mutualité Sociale Agricole, Caisse Nationale des Allocations Familiales, Caisse Nationale de l’Assurance Maladie des Travailleurs Salariés, Caisse Nationale d’Assurance Vieillesse and the Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française, to organise this its second European Conference in France.

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<b>8:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9.30 – 10.45</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Session</b>  French member organisation of ESIP  Franz Terwey, <i>ESIP Director</i>  Dominique Libault, <i>Social Security Director, Ministry of Health and Solidarity, Paris</i></p> <p>Review of social protection in Europe</p> <p>Vladimir Spidla, <i>European Commissioner for Employment, social affairs and equal opportunities</i></p>
<b>10:45-11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<p><b>Session 1 chaired by Alain Euzéby,  Professor of Economics, IEP, Grenoble</b></p> <p>✓ Economic performance and social protection: current status and perspectives  <i>Emmanuelle Hoareau-Sautières and Magalie Rascles, EN3S, Saint-Etienne</i></p> <p>✓ The Welfare Reform: bringing together economic and social policies  <i>Bruno Palier, Researcher, CNRS, Paris</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>✓ Economic performance and financing of social security  <i>Philip Manow, Researcher, Max-Planck Institute, Cologne</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
<b>13:00-14:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<p><b>Session 2 chaired by Willy Palm  Director, AIM, Brussels</b></p> <p>✓ Economic performance and health  <i>Dr. Doris Pfeiffer, CEO, VdAK/AEV, Siegburg</i></p> <p>✓ Economic performance and pensions: meeting the challenge of demographic change by social coherence in the society  <i>Zofia Czepulis-Rutkowska, Deputy Director, ZUS, Warsaw</i></p> <p>✓ Economic performance and family policies  <i>Marie Panayotopoulos, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
<b>16:05-17:30</b>	<p><b>Session 3 chaired by Ad Bockting  Director of European and international affairs, UWV, Amsterdam</b></p> <p>✓ Economic performance and employment: Employment in Europe and the new Lisbon strategy  <i>Heikki Pohja, Managing Director, TVR, Helsinki</i>  <i>Kurt Berlinger, Director, BA, Brussels</i></p> <p>✓ Economic performance and social dialogue  <i>Maria Helena André, Deputy General Secretary, ETUC, Brussels</i>  <i>Emmanuel Julien, Director of European affairs, Medef/UNICE, Paris</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Close of Conference</b>
<b>18:00</b>	<i>Drinks reception</i>

*Translations during the conference available in English, French and German*

