

40th

# Ipse Meeting

*Bologna, July 3 and 4, 2014*

## ***Renewing intergenerational solidarity for social protection***

**The 40th Ipse Meeting invites you to communicate on, discuss and debate the most effective actions to renew and sustain intergenerational solidarities.**

European models, like the continent itself, are united in their diversity. They are all founded on a principle of solidarity which, when applied and enforced, makes it possible to comprehensively pool coverage of social risks. First and foremost, this solidarity takes the form of an intergenerational social contract whereby active age groups were initially intended to finance not only their own guarantees, but the guarantees and social services of their elders, particularly retirees. This intergenerational equity was founded on the principle that active generations would in turn enjoy, “tomorrow,” treatment equivalent to that granted to “today’s” older generations. This system also aimed to avoid having to repay debts left by previous generations.

In the 21st century, this structure erected last century has been shaken to its core. We must respond, eloquently and effectively, to these challenges, which arise less from economic and financial crises than from a crisis of confidence. Yes, there are indeed debts hanging over our heads like the Sword of Damocles, and many even doubt our ability to keep our promises for “tomorrow!”

As such, measures imposing discipline, and especially austerity, would demand a threefold payment from the youngest generations. They would repay debts, pay additional social security contributions and enjoy less advantageous benefits. The risk of doing away with the intergenerational contract has never been as great as it is now, in the face of ever-growing imbalances. The distribution of wealth on which social protection is founded favors the oldest citizens, with few if any benefits offered to the young, who are the first to fall through the “holes” in our “social safety net.” And yet these young people are the ones suffering from mass unemployment in too

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many Member States, while keeping “seniors” at work remains a significant concern. Finally, we must emphasize the fact that young households possess only small fraction of wealth. In 2013, the European Central Bank pointed out that Europeans under 35 own 5% of the wealth, compared to 56% for those over 55. It should also be noted that the portion of wealth tends to diminish after the age of 64.

**These realities, far from exhaustive, oblige us to strike new balances, adopting innovative approaches, policies and practices to establish renewed relations among generations. This new intergenerational pact is a sine qua non for social cohesion, and thus for a democratic system that relies on sustainable social protection.**

All social protection actors are concerned. Social security schemes, as well as mutual and partiarian providers managing complementary social protection, could take the lead in this search for innovation. Indeed, their dynamic nature and the aptitude for experimentation that so distinctly characterizes the social and partiarian economy make them natural partners in the quest to strengthen solidarity.

**At this 40th Ipse Meeting in Bologna on July 3 and 4, 2014, we invite you to address these issues and this debate on the creation of new and appropriate solidarity-based products. Four sessions will be devoted to the search for new solutions:**

1. Ipse: 25 years of action and 40 Meetings for the advancement of solidarity-based social protection
2. Intergenerational solidarity: conditions to bring about a harmonious future for social protection
3. Concrete practices to bring intergenerational solidarity to life in social protection
4. Efficient action for intergenerational solidarity



### *Renewing intergenerational solidarity for social protection*

Thursday, July 3

The meeting will feature simultaneous translation into English, French and Italian.

**13h00** Greeting of participants

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**15h00** Welcome addresses

- **Virginio Merola**, Mayor of Bologna
- **Simonetta Saliera**, Vice-President of Emilia-Romagna
- **George Graziani**, CISL Regional General Secretary
- **Gianfranco Martelli**, UIL Regional General Secretary
- **Vincenzo Colla**, CGIL General Secretary
- **Jean-Marie Spaeth**, President of Ipse

**15h30** introductory presentation:

- **Tiziano Treu**, Former Labor Minister, former Senator

**16h00** Session 1: Ipse : 25 years of action and 40 Meetings for the advancement of solidarity-based social protection

**Moderator** : **Jean Lapeyre**, member of the Ipse Orientation Council, former Social Advisor to the French Embassy in Rome

**Ipse Meetings, enhancing and renewing the European social model**

- **Bernard Petit-Jean**, Chairman of the Ipse Orientation Council
- **Simon Loréal**, Ipse Deputy General Delegate

**Intergenerational solidarities as a prerequisite for progress, Ipse / Montepio synergy**

- **José Alberto Pitacas**, Manager of Montepio Geral Mutual Association, Ipse Director

**Issues in the 40th Ipse Meeting, a driving force to preserve social cohesion**

- **Denis Stokkink**, President of Pour la Solidarité, member of the Ipse Orientation Council

Open debate

**18h00** End of Day 1

**19h30** Cocktail reception and gala dinner at the Royal Carlton Hotel (Via Montebello 8, 40121 Bologna)



Friday, July 4

## 9h00 Session 2 : Intergenerational solidarity: conditions to bring about a harmonious future for social protection

**Moderator** : Anna Salfi, *CGIL Regional Secretary Emilia-Romagna*

### Social protection: built by preceding generations for subsequent generations

- Otto Kaufmann, *Vice-President of Ipse, Researcher at the Max Planck Institute Munich*

### Challenges and achievements in addressing all age groups in Northern Europe

- *A Nordic Expert*

### Social security and family protection in Southern Europe

- Mila Lacanal, *Member of the Spanish trade union UGT*

### Tripartite social dialogue to foster intergenerational solidarities

- Alberto Vacchi, *President of the general Confederation of Bologna, Confindustria*

## 10h45 Coffee break

## 11h00 Session 3 : Concrete practices to bring intergenerational solidarity to life in social protection

**Moderator** : Gabrielle Clotuche, *member of the Ipse Orientation Council, former Head of Social Security in Belgium, former Director at the European Commission.*

### Promoting youth mobility within the European Union

- Jackie Morin, *Head of Unit for Skills, Mobility and Employment Services at the European Commission - Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion*

### Experience of Italian social partners in social inclusion for young people

- Alessandro Alberani, *Secretary General CSIL of the Region of Emilia-Romagna*

### Complementary social protection as a prime mover of intergenerational consciousness

- Paul Grasset, *Director General of the Social Protection Group Pro BTP*

## 13h00 Lunch

## 14h30 Session 4 : Efficient action for intergenerational solidarity

**Moderator** : Paolo Rebaoni, *President of Italia Lavoro*

### Rebuilding confidence among generations

- Alain Mergier, *sociologist, Head of the Institut Wei*

### Social cohesion, European identity, stemming from and benefiting intergenerational solidarity

- Sandro Gozi\*, *State Secretary for European Affairs in Italy, Vice-President of Europa Nova*

### New European and international commitments for intergenerational solidarities

- Maria Helena André, *Head of the Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV), ILO*

### Open debate

## 17h00 Concluding remarks :

- Philippe Frémeaux, *Editorialist, Alternatives économiques*
- Dominique Boucher, *General Delegate of Ipse*

