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### **“Strengthening the European Social Model. The contribution of the Social Quality Approach to strengthen social justice, human dignity and solidarity of the EU in a changing world”**

*“... for a sustainable development ... highly competitive ...  
based on a social market economy”  
Treaty on European Union*

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**Friday, Oct. 31, 2014 (9.30 to 18.30)**  
**Sala Polifunzionale - Presidency of the Council of Ministers**  
**Entrance: Via S. Maria in Via n. 37D (Largo Chigi) - Rome**

In cooperation with:

**IASQ** – International Association on Social Quality (Amsterdam-The Hague); **EOSQ** – European Observatory on Social Quality (Rome): **SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY of ROME**- Department of Sociology; **UIL PA**; European Network **ESM** – European Social Model (London – Bremen – Rome)





## PROGRAMME

### 9,30 Registration of the participants

### 10,00 Opening Session

#### **Social Market Economy in Europe: what coherence between principles and policies?**

*The session addresses the ways in which the principles and commitments, solemnly laid down in the basic treaty of the European Union (the Lisbon Treaty, 2007) are interpreted in the European Union and its Member States, aiming on the development of overall sustainability, the effective consistency of the European system, and thus contributing to the social empowerment of EU-citizens for strengthening democracy and social dialogue.*

**Michael BRAUN**, Director, Italian branch of F. EBERT Foundation, Germany

**Gian Maria FARA**, President, Eurispes

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**Georgios DASSIS**, President, Worker's Group, CESE-EESC, Bruxelles

**José Luis RHI-SAUSI**, Socio-Economic Section, IILA – Italian-Latin American Institute

**Mario BENOTTI**, Counselor, Dept. European Policies, Presidency Council of Ministers

### 11,00 First session

#### **A comparison: The reorganisation of social policies in Europe for a greater cohesion**

*How are social policies in Europe reorganised? What positive and negative effects are emerging, and what are the costs and benefits? Is the reference to a common European social model still valid? What models and guidelines are emerging within the EU Member States? How to carry out the reorganisation of the welfare systems as well as the policies of inclusion and social cohesion? What kind of relationship exists today between the economic and social realm? The session will present and discuss the prevailing trends, the most critical points, possible prospects for the construction of a balanced relationship between economic and social challenges, and a renewed prominence of the main public and private actors in this field.*

**Edoardo REVIGLIO**, Chief Economist, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti

**Michele DAU**, Vice Secretary, CNEL – National Council for Economy and Labour

**Ferenc BODI**, Centre of Social Sciences MTATK, Budapest

**Sybel KALAYCIOGLU**, Director Dept. Social Sciences, METU University, Ankara

**Fulvio FAMMONI**, President, B. Trentin Foundation

**Carmelo BARBAGALLO**, Deputy Secretary General, UIL

**Antonello SCIALDONE**, Director, Social Innovation Project, ISFOL

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**13,00 -14,00 Break**

**14,00 Second session**

**New proposals: The contribution of the theory and practice of Social Quality to a sustainable economic and social progress**

*Presentation of new perspectives and new proposals for the study, analysis and policy-making, based on the theoretical and practical work developed and applied in different European, Asian and Australian countries by the IASQ, the International Association on Social Quality, the Netherlands, and by the related branches, namely Observatories on Social Quality as open networks in Europe (located in Italy) and South-East Asia (located in China). In a thoroughly innovative and original way, Social Quality thinking proposes an approach to development, focused on a new interpretation of "the social" and its "quality". It is distinctively different from current mainstream thinking that emphasise issues of quality of life, social capital, development of capability, social security, etc. The new theory and practice of Social Quality are intended to give an impulse to a new understanding of sustainable development, thinking social and personal development in an integrated way. Thus it aims on overcoming utilitarian individualistic thinking. The session provides the opportunity for the study and evaluation of these new approach.*

**Laurent VAN DER MAESEN**, Director, IASQ International Association on Social Quality, The Hague - Amsterdam

**David GORDON**, Director Townsend Centre, University of Bristol, Bristol

**Nikolaus DIMMEL**, Law Faculty, University of Salzburg, Salzburg

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**16,30 Third session**

**The role of relevant actors: public institutions and civil society organisations for a revival of politics and policies which contribute to the overall sustainability of human life.**

*What to do? There are several lines of commitment to pursue a development project, concretely oriented by the principles of Social Quality Approach to arrive at overall sustainable development. There is a commitment that is specific to the academic world, first to dissolve any ambiguity about the term "the social" and provide scientifically valid instruments (eg. Indicators, profiles, criteria) to decision makers. But specific commitments are also required from the different actors, both public and private, because they are in the forefront of economic growth and social development.*

**Hagen HENRY**, Research Director, University of Helsinki, Helsinki

**Klaus MEHRENS** Social Europe Journal, London– Hamburg

**Marina V. KARGALOVA**, IE-RAS Institute of Europe-Russian Academy of Sciences

**Stefano MANTEGAZZA**, General Secretary, UILA, Rome

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## 18,00 Conclusions

**Pietro FOLENA**, President, Metamorfoosi Association, Rome

**Carmelo CEDRONE**, Vice President, ECO-Section, EESC, Bruxelles

**Peter HERRMANN**, Scientific Director, European Observatory on Social Quality



## Final Declaration

Contribution of recommendations and guidelines to the new representatives of the European Union, policy makers, social and professional organisations.

## Basic Documentation

Participants will be given a dossier with the basic documentation on new theories and practices of Social Quality promoted and disseminated by the Association IASQ.

## Conference's languages

Simultaneous translation *Italian – English*.

## Registration

Participation in the Conference is free. For access to the room Polifunzionale registration is required.



## References:

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