

5th Meeting of the Erasmus Project of organized civil societies
“Demographic Challenges for Europe and issues involved”

Athens, 17 February 2025

Economic and Social Council of Greece
 9, Amvrosiou Frantzi Street, 1st floor

Program

<u>17 February 2025</u>	
09.00 - 09.30	Arrival and registration of participants <i>Welcome coffee</i>
09.30 - 10.00	<u>Opening Session</u> Welcome speech by Ioannis Paidas, President of the Economic and Social Council of Greece <u>Topic:</u> “ <i>The European Union at a Crossroads: Demographic Challenges and Opportunities</i> ” <u>Keynote Speeches:</u> ▪ Oliver Röpke, President of the European Economic and Social Committee ▪ Niki Kerameus, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Greece
10.00 - 11.30	Thematic Session 1: The demographic Problem of the EU Coordinator: Michail Alepis, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Greece (Group A’, Employers) Key Topics: Aging population and declining birth rates in Europe Impacts on social security and public services National and EU-level policy interventions <u>Scheduled Interventions:</u> ▪ Rudi Delarue, President, National Labour Council (CNT), Belgium ▪ Luís Pais Antunes, President of the Economic and Social Council, Portugal ▪ Daniel Becker, Secretary General of the Economic and Social Council, Luxembourg ▪ Maryse Coutsouradis, Deputy Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Greece ▪ Ophelia Kaneva, Rapporteur, Economic and Social Council, Bulgaria ▪ Dimitra-Ines Aggeli, General Secretary of the Supreme Confederation of Multi-Child Parents, Greece
11.30 - 11.45	Coffee Break

11.45 - 13.15	Thematic Session 2: Migration Flows in the EU <u>Coordinator:</u> Fotis Koleventis, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Greece (Group B', Employees) Key Topics: Trends in migration flows into and within the EU Integration challenges and successes Legal frameworks and human rights considerations Managing Migration: A Balancing Act for the EU <u>Scheduled Interventions:</u> ▪ Sofia Zacharaki, Minister of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, Greece ▪ Sterică Fudulea, President, Economic and Social Council, Romania ▪ Rosario Valastro, Councillor, National Council for Economics and Labour (CNEL) Italy, President of the Italian Red Cross ▪ Cristina Estévez Navarro, Member of Group A', Economic and Social Council, Spain ▪ Kenza Occansey, Rapporteur, Economic, Environmental and Social Council, France ▪ Sanja Celebic Lukovac, Chief of Mission in Greece, International Organization for Migration (IOM) ▪ Ioannis Korkovelos, Member of the Executive Committee, Economic and Social Council, Greece
13.15 - 14.15	Lunch Break
14.15 - 15.45	Thematic Session 3: Labor Market Shortages in the EU <u>Coordinator:</u> Georgios Goniotakis, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Greece (Group C' Other Categories) Key Topics: Group analysis of labour market shortages in key industries (healthcare, IT, agriculture) Strategies to address skill gaps through education, upskilling, and migration Case studies of successful labour market policies <u>Scheduled Interventions:</u> ▪ Emmanuel Julien, Deputy Regional Director, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, International Labour Organization (ILO) ▪ Pavlos Satolias, President of the National Union of Agricultural Cooperatives, Greece ▪ Georgios Kavathas, President of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants (GSEVEE) ▪ Celia Ferrero Romero, Member of Group B', Economic and Social Council, Spain ▪ Teodor Dechev, Member of Group A' and Atanas Katzartchev, Member of Group B' Economic and Social Council, Bulgaria ▪ Katerina Daskalaki, Director of Labour Affairs of SEV-Hellenic Federation of Enterprises ▪ Tomáš Domonkoš, Expert, Council for Economic and Social Partnership, Slovak Republic ▪ Wouter Zwysen, Researcher, European Trade Institute (ETUI) (<i>online</i>)
15.45 - 16.15	Roundtable Discussion with the speakers and participants <u>Topic:</u> “Synergies for the Future: Linking Demographics, Migration, and Labor Market Strategies” <u>Moderator:</u> Gabriel Amitsis, Professor of Social Security Law, Department of Business Administration, Social Policy Unit, University of West Attica
16.15 - 16.45	Closing speech ▪ Ioannis Paidas, President of the Economic and Social Council of Greece