

PES Congress 2023

Friday 10 November

9:30- 11:00 am

GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR  
**#SOCIALEUROPE**

English - Spanish interpretation

Trade Fair and Congress Center of Malaga  
Av. de José Ortega y Gasset, 201, Malaga



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**As socialist and social democrats we strive to create inclusive labour markets where everyone enjoys fair opportunities and conditions.**

**As socialist and social democrats we champion equality, ensuring every individual has the chance to thrive, regardless of their background.**

**As socialist and social democrats we work towards a society where everyone is protected, fostering a sense of belonging and solidarity.**

**As socialist and social democrats we have revived Social Europe and kept it high on the EU's political agenda, thanks to the work of European Commissioner Nicolas Schmit and other progressive Commissioners.**

**Excitingly, the upcoming EU Council presidencies of Spain and Belgium have boldly signalled their ambition to further fortify Social Europe.**

**However, the pressing question remains: what lies ahead for Social Europe after the current Commission's mandate expires next year? Will we witness an expansion of Social Europe or a regrettable backtracking?**

**Join us for a stimulating and interactive discussion at the PES Congress in Málaga, Spain, powered by the dynamic collaboration between the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions (PES Group) and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS). Engage with prominent progressive politicians as we delve deep into the heart of this critical issue.**

**Your voice matters! Let's shape the next chapter of #SocialEurope together. Join us and share your insights, ensuring that our shared vision of a just, inclusive, and progressive Europe becomes a reality.**

**Together, let's build the Social Europe that we dream of!**



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## AGENDA

**Friday, 10 November 2023, 09:30 – 11:00**

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Av. de José Ortega y Gasset, 201, 29006 Málaga, Spain

Room Conferencia #2.2, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

### - CHAMPIONS OF PROGRESS -

#### **Progressives go the extra mile for Social Europe!**

**9:30 – 9:35**

**Welcome message:**

**Maria João Rodrigues**, President  
of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies

**9:35 – 9:45**

**Opening message:**

**Nicolas Schmit**, EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

Moderator: **Maria Freitas**, Political Advisor,  
PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions

**9:45 – 10:30**

**Session I – Ahead of the curve: Progressives steering Social Europe towards the next chapter**

Moderator: **Santina Bertulessi**  
Deputy Head of Cabinet, EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

#### **Progressive Round Robin Debate with three social teams!**

*This interactive exchange is organised as a Round Robin Debate which is a structured debate format in which a team debates with other teams on a specific policy proposal. The debate consists of several rounds, each one focusing on a specific policy initiative to build the next chapter of the EU Social Action Plan. The objective for the different teams is to delve into a specific policy initiative with the goal of distilling a concise, progressive message that can resonate with the European progressive community leading up to the EU elections. At the end, a round of voting will rank the top 3 policy messages and award the winning team.*



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<b>Team #1 Jobs</b>	<b>Team #2 Equality</b>	<b>Team #3 Inclusion</b>
<b>László Andor</b> , FEPS Secretary General	<b>Andrea Fernandez</b> , Member of Parliament and Secretary of Equality for PSOE	<b>Laura de Bonfils</b> , Secretary General Social Platform
<b>Lina Gálvez Muñoz</b> , S&D MEP	<b>Kata Tüttő</b> , Vice President of the PES Group in the CoR, Deputy Mayor of Budapest	<b>Evin Incir</b> , S&D MEP

**10:30 – 10:35      Reactions, voting & call to action**

**Enric López Jurado**, YES President

**10:35 – 10:55      Session II – High level talk: Towards more social Europe: the political vision for the next mandate**

**José Luis Escrivá**

Minister of Inclusion, Social Security, and Migrations, Spain

**Tiago Antunes**

State Secretary for European Affairs, Portugal

Moderator: **David Rinaldi**, Director of Studies & Policy at FEPS

**10:55 – 11:00      Conclusion**

**Christophe Rouillon**, President of the PES Group  
in the European Committee of the Regions

