

## Quo vadis ESF?

5 February 2025, 10.00 - 16.00

*at the Representation of the State of North Rhine-  
Westphalia, Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Bruxelles*

### Program

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09.00 - 10.00	<b>Registration and reception</b>
10.00 - 10.10	<b>Welcome by the moderator Dr. Julia Kropf / Intro film</b>
10.10 - 10.25	<b>‘Shaping the future of the ESF’</b> <b>Dr. Rolf Schmachtenberg</b> , State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS)
10.25 - 10.40	<b>‘The implementation and further development of the ESF at German Federal State’</b> <b>Matthias Heidmeier</b> , State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MAGS)
10.40 - 11.00	<b>Presentation of study results: ‘Further development and optimisation of the ESF in the funding period 2028-2034’</b> <b>moysies &amp; partners GmbH</b>
11.00 - 11.15	<b>‘How do we want to shape the ESF in the future?’ 3 questions for ...</b> <b>Dr. Rolf Schmachtenberg</b> , State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) <b>Matthias Heidmeier</b> , State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MAGS)
11.15 - 11.30	<b>Interaction with the audience</b>
11.30 - 11.45	<b>Keynote: ‘The future of the ESF from the perspective of Spain’</b> <b>Joaquín Pérez Rey</b> , State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour and Social Economy of Spain
11.45 - 12.00	<b>Keynote: ‘The future of the ESF: Perspective of the Netherlands’</b> <b>Eddy van Hijum</b> , Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Employment

12.00 - 12.20	<b>‘The new ESF funding period – challenging for everyone!’</b> <b>Mario Nava</b> , Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
12.20 - 12.30	<b>‘Vision for the ESF: The Bulgarian experience and perspective’</b> <b>Natalia Efremova</b> , Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy
12.30 - 13.30	<b>Lunch break</b>
13.30 - 13.35	<b>Intro film: ‘ESF: The role of the European Parliament’</b>
13.35 - 14.10	<b>Panel I: ‘The new ESF – what has to happen now?’</b> <b>MdEP Dennis Radtke</b> , (EVP) <b>MdEP Gabriele Bischoff</b> , (S&D)
14.10 - 14.25	<b>Interaction with the audience</b>
14.25 - 14.45	<b>Coffee break</b>
14.45 - 14.50	<b>Intro film: ‘ESF practice: success and best practices’</b>
14.50 - 15.30	<b>Panel II: ‘The ESF in practise – continue like this or completely different?’</b> <b>Giulia Maira</b> , German National Poverty Conference <b>Andreas Bartels</b> , Association of German Social Welfare Organisations <b>Janosch Tillmann</b> , German Trade Union Confederation <b>Patrick Paquet</b> , DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission <b>Stefan Schmon</b> , ESF Managing Authority in the State of Bavaria
15.30 - 15.45	<b>Interaction with the audience</b>
15.45 - 16.00	<b>Conclusion and closing remarks</b>
16.00	<b>End of the event</b>

Moderator: **Dr. Julia Kropf**