

Online Conference

Unequal Europe

Tackling Social, Economic & Regional Divides

4th October 2021
16:00 - 18:00 - Zoom

With the project “Unequal Europe – Tackling Regional Disparities in Europe”, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) have run analyses on socio-economic regional divide in 8 European countries: Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Romania, Italy, Germany, Spain, and France. The national disparity reports highlight some common features and trends which can be addressed by EU policies, building on the national studies and policy recommendations. FES and FEPS present on this occasion a Policy Study by Björn Hacker that puts forward suggestions for relaunching an EU agenda fit for the challenge of social and territorial cohesion.

Agenda

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| 16:00 – 16:05 | INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
Maria Joao Rodrigues , FEPS President |
| 16:05 – 16:20 | INPUT - Closing the divide – A Reform of EU policies for social cohesion
Presentation of the research and policy recommendations by
Björn Hacker , Professor of European economic policy, HTW Berlin and author of the Policy study |
| 16:20 – 16:35 | KEYNOTE SPEECH
Nicolas Schmit , European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights |
| 16:35 – 16:50 | Q&A with Nicolas Schmit and Björn Hacker
Chair: Maria Joao Rodrigues , FEPS President |
| 16:50 – 17:40 | DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE POLICY
Panel discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constanze Krehl, Member of the European Parliament• Giuseppe Provenzano, Deputy Secretary of the Democratic Party• Cristina Rat, Author of the Romanian study and Lecturer, PhD Sociology Department Babes-Bolyai University• Maija Mattila, Author of the Finnish study and project manager, Kalevi Sorsa Foundation• Chair: Philipp Fink, Director FES Nordic Office |
| 17:40 – 17:55 | Q&A |
| 17:55 – 18:00 | CONCLUDING REMARKS
Philipp Fink , Director FES Nordic office |