

# Friday 1 December

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## 08:00 Registration opens

*Pavilhão Carlos Lopes*

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## 09:00-10:00

**1<sup>st</sup> Round of workshops in the Pavilhão Carlos Lopes (all in English only)**

### 1. Ways forward: A solidarity pact for Europe

SD Denmark

*Europeans are losing faith in the European project as such. The European Union must be more ambitious and effective in solving big questions and shall interfere less in national or local level-issues. Central to this is making EU a vehicle for efficiently combating tax evasion, social dumping and reinforcing our respective social systems. We need a Solidarity Pact for Europe that can unite us as progressives. In the workshop we will further explore how to build a Europe with decent labour market standards, fair tax-systems and strong national welfare systems.*

### 2. Rebuilding Europe from the bottom up: Europe needs stronger towns and cities

PES Local

*Local authorities can play a key role in the rebuilding of a social and united Europe. The 95 000 local and regional authorities of the European Union represent one third of public expenditure and more than two thirds of public investment expenditure. Fair and sustainable growth in a social Europe can only be achieved with strong municipalities. Town twinning brings together citizens from different countries and cultures and is a driving element in the construction of Europe. In view of their importance for European integration, Europe's local authorities need sufficient capacity to act and appropriate funding available for them to do their job. These matters will be discussed in the workshop.*

### 3. Implementation of the PES LGBTI roadmap

Rainbow Rose

*In June 2017 the PES Presidency adopted its LGBTI roadmap, making ours the first European political party to have a framework to advocate and improve the rights of LGBTI people. This workshop will present the roadmap, and discuss concrete proposals for actions to implement it and make it a useful tool for our sister parties and organizations.*

### 4. Paradise papers: How do we stop tax evasion and fraud?

Young European Socialists

*With the leak of the Paradise Papers, we want to address the important issue of Tax Evasion and Tax Fraud. Tax evasion and tax fraud undermine our societies and the basis of solidarity. This workshop aims at providing a clear insight on our proposals to tackle these issues and how to do it on a European and Global level.*

### 5. Campaign camp: Social media skills training

PES

*Political campaigning is changing. To communicate with supporters, in particular with millennials, we need to radically change and modernize our ways. How can we progressives, capture the energy of social movements, stand firm for our beliefs and renew our engagement with citizens? Social media plays an important role in modern political campaigning. This workshop will provide a training by professional American strategist providing with an insight of challenges and strategies to win as progressives by using social media as a tool.*

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**10:15-11:15**

**Europe's future ahead: Our progressive roadmap** (English/Portuguese)

Foundation for European Progressive Studies

*Pavilhão Carlos Lopes*

*The European Union is going through crucial times. After a long period of economic, political and social crises, which have exposed the structural inadequacies of the European construction, fed populist movements and triggered nationalist revivals all over our continent, the European Union is gradually recovering and a new willingness is emerging to bring about a substantial change in the process of European integration. Progressive forces must take the lead in this process, promote a progressive way forward, shape the road-map before the European elections and produce a positive and pro-European breakthrough. With this in mind, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies is promoting a wide discussion within the framework of the 2017 PES Council to debate on the most pressing decisions that the EU is going to make in the close future, namely on the reform of the EMU, Europe's social dimension, the question of realising the SDGs, the need to address the issue of the management of migration flows and of the integration of migrants in our societies, and, last but not least, that of the strengthening of European democracy. In order to favour the dialogue with the audience, the speakers will deliver only brief statements aimed at providing some food for thought.*

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**11:00-13:00**

**The sustainable society of the future** (English/French)

Socialists & Democrats Group

*Hotel Intercontinental*

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**11:30-12:30**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round of workshops in the Pavilhão Carlos Lopes** (all in English only)

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**6. Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030: The big elephant in the (Commission) room**

SOLIDAR and Global Progressive Forum

*25 September marked the 2nd anniversary of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): a global framework that aims at transforming the way policies are designed, monitored and implemented, ensuring the respect of planetary boundaries and leaving no-one behind. Our common message is clear: without an ambitious EU implementation strategy and work plan, without real policies to dramatically reduce inequalities, change our consumption and production patterns, and operationalise the principle of policy coherence for sustainable development, in a few years' time we will not have much left to celebrate.*

**7. Challenges to democracy: Computational propaganda, right-wing populism and fake news**

PES

*Fake news has a political impact, which we are being confronted with on a large scale. Every day we see populists and nationalists manipulate facts to distort the public opinion. A study published recently by the University of Oxford has learnt that computational propaganda (bots and other tools) is being used as a weapon to undermine public trust and the sheer concept of Democracy. How can progressives tackle disinformation, deal with fake news and computational propaganda? A workshop with experts from the field of journalism and science.*

**8. Transforming politics: Intergenerational dialogue on gender equality and solidarity**

Central & Eastern Europe Network

*This workshop will focus on the key findings and recommendations from this year's session which highlighted issues of democracy, politics, gender equality through an inter-generational lens, the new initiatives in the left and gender differentiated views of political parties, as well as the status of women's and youth forums within political parties. Additional views will be expressed. The panel would then engage in a dialogue with the participants of the side event.*

**9. A winning formula for European socialists & democrats**

SD Denmark and Young European Socialists

*With this workshop we aim at brainstorming with activists on what are the biggest challenges of our parties and exchange best practices in policies and on how to win elections. Setting aside political and cultural differences, we will try to identify commonalities amongst the various European sister parties that are*

*successful in winning elections and gaining popular support, while identifying some of the “don’ts” from parties coming from recent campaigns.*

## **10. A progressive environment agenda towards 2019**

PES

*The EU and the world are faced with enormous environmental challenges. Global warming, fossil fuels, diesels scandal and resource over-consumption — to name but a few — impact the lives of millions and the way our economies work. European socialists and social democrats are active to meet these challenges, and gave a crucial push for the Paris Agreement against climate change. The aim of this workshop is to discuss the priorities for the PES in the field of energy, climate change and environment policy in the next months and in view to the European elections in 2019. Which experiences have you made in your countries with these policies? How can our family remain in the lead and win on these topics?*

## **11. Mind the gap: Bringing progressive movements and parties together**

FEPS and Foundation Max van der Stoel

*In this workshop we’ll talk about enhancing cooperation between social movements and political parties, focusing on the fields of climate change and migration.*

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## **15:00 Plenary session (in English, Portuguese, Bulgarian, German, French, Spanish, Hungarian, Italian, Polish)**

*Pavilhão Carlos Lopes*

Welcome: Celebrating 25 years of PES

*Francisco André, International Secretary PS Portugal*

*Fernando Medina, Mayor of Lisbon*

*Achim Post, PES Secretary General*

## **15:20 Election council chair, tellers, confirmation of mandates, adoption rules of procedure**

### **15:25 Panel 1: Debate and adoption of Common Candidate resolution**

Speaker: Carlos Zorrinho MEP, leader of the PS delegation in the European Parliament

Moderator: Giacomo Filibeck, PES deputy secretary general

### **16:10 Panel 2: Debate and adoption of EU resolution**

Speaker: Jean-Christophe Cambadélis, PES vice-president and leader of PS France

Moderator: Yonnec Polet, PES deputy secretary general

### **17:30 Panel 3: Enhancing democracy towards 2019**

Speakers: Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission

Pedro Sánchez, PSOE leader

Pedro Silva Pereira, MEP of PS Portugal, president of ResPublica

Deniza Slateva, Deputy Chairwoman for European Affairs and International Relations

Moderator: Marije Laffeber, PES deputy secretary general

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## **18:20 Speech**

*Zita Gurmai, President of PES Women*

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## **18:25 Greetings from international guests**

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## **18:40 Speech**

*Gianni Pittella, President of S&D Group in the European Parliament*

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## **19:00 Close**

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**19:15-21:15 S&D Group reception**

*Pavilhão Carlos Lopes foyer*

## Saturday 2 December

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**10:00 Plenary session (in English, Portuguese, Bulgarian, German, French, Spanish, Hungarian, Italian, Polish)**

*Pavilhão Carlos Lopes*

Welcome

*Ana Catarina Mendes, PS Deputy Secretary General*

**10:05 Panel 1: From the social pillar to a European social plan**

Speakers: Jose Antonio Vieira da Silva, Minister for Labour and Solidarity and Social Security, Portugal  
Nicolas Schmit, Minister for Labour, Employment, the Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg  
Kornelia Ninova, Chair of the Bulgarian Socialist Party  
Catuscia Marini, President of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions  
Marita Ulvskog, Vice President of the European Parliament's committee on Employment and Social Affairs  
Luca Visentini, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation  
Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Moderator: Conny Reuter, secretary general of SOLIDAR

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**10:55 Speech**

*Mário Centeno, Finance Minister of Portugal*

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**11:00 Panel 2: A new model for green economic growth and jobs**

Speakers: Christian Kern, Prime Minister of Austria and Leader SPÖ Austria  
Corina Crețu, Commissioner for Regional Policy  
Pierre Moscovici, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs  
Udo Bullmann MEP, Vice-President of the S&D Group  
Elio Di Rupo, President of PS Belgium  
Maurizio Martina, Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies of Italy

Moderator: Maria João Rodrigues, MEP, Vice-President of the S&D Group, President of FEPS

**11:35 Panel 3: Progressive values in a global dimension**

Speakers: Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of UK Labour Party  
John Crombez, Leader of sp.a, Belgium  
Nils Usakov, Chairman of the Social Democratic Party "Saskaņa" (SDPS), Mayor of Riga  
Johanna Ortega, IUSY vice-president, JSP Paraguay

Moderator: Katarina Nevedalova, vice-president of PES

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**12:10 Closing of Council**

**12:30 Speech**

*Sergei Stanishev, President of PES*

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**12:50 Speech**

*António Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal*

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**13:30 End**