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PES 10TH CONGRESS
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Friday, 10.00 – 12.00

FEPS (Mozart room)

Title: **Beyond incomes: Societal inequalities**

While economic inequalities are gaining increasing attention amongst academics, journalists and policy-makers, especially following the publication of Thomas Piketty's *Capital* in the 21st Century, the focus of the new *Queries* shows that inequalities go much further than just economic inequality or income inequality.

The think tank of the Social Democrats at European level, the Foundation of European progressive Studies will take the opportunity of the PES congress to introduce its work on the topic of societal inequalities through this debate and also the latest issue of *Queries* magazine, which will also have a stand at the PES congress.

Panel discussion: **Frances Stewart**, Professor Emeritus of development economics, Oxford Development Studies, internationally-renowned scholar for the concept of *Horizontal Inequalities*,

Ozlem Onaran, Professor of Workforce and Economic Development Policy, University of Greenwich, currently co-researcher of a FEPS joint project on wage-led growth in EU, **Renato Miguel do Carmo**, Research fellow at Instituto Universitário of Lisbon, Member of the European Inequality watch network through the Observatório das Desigualdades,

Diane Perrons, Professor of Economic Geography and Gender Studies and Director, London School of Economy, her research focus is on globalisation, gender and inequality.

Moderator: **Ernst Stetter**, Secretary General of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies

YES, Societas, MSZP (Liszt room)

Title: **Youth as leading actor in fight against extremism**

Austerity policies led together by the European right and some other parties have pushed many citizens to give their votes to the extreme parties or at least to abstain. We can notice that this report mostly benefits to the far-right. Nowadays, socialists seem to struggle trying to fight far-right parties. To fight them more efficiently, it is essential to take into account their diversity. In this workshop we want to focus on positive and educational actions that should be taken to open everyone's eyes to other cultures and to accept the coexistence of different philosophical and religious views.



Panel discussion: Mr. **Attila MESTERHÁZY** (MSZP), Member of the Hungarian Assembly, Committee on Foreign Affairs; former President of the Hungarian Socialist Party, **Balázs BÁRÁNY** (Societas), Member of the Party Bureau, President of the Third Wave Platform, **Kati Piri**, MEP, UK Labour Party.
Moderator: **Roland Gur**, International Secretary of Societas, Hungary.

11.00 – 12.30

Global Progressive Forum (GPF) – (Brahms room)

Title: **The state of Democracy in Europe**

The Global Progressive Forum will take part to the PES Congress in Budapest with a round table on "The State of democracy in Europe". As the President of S&D Group, Gianni Pittella has many times reminded that Socialists and Democrats, we have the responsibility to remain vigilant and to ensure that European Governments promote the core values of the European Union.

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe (CoE) also has revealed an alarming situation regarding the state of democracy and Rule of Law in its 47 member states, where democratic shortcomings are ever more pronounced. European societies have become increasingly vulnerable to terrorism, extreme violence, and instability, though the maintenance of democratic security remains vital for lasting peace. As S&D Group, this is an unacceptable situation. We must fight the extreme right-wing and conservatives. So, the concern for democracy and civil liberties keeps growing.

Panel discussion: **Tanja Fajon**, S&D Vice Chair and Member of Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, **Kata Tutto**, Hungarian Member of Parliament from MSZP
Testimony of Hungarian and International NGOs

Union of Socialist Local and Regional Representatives in Europe (USLRRE)

Title: **Strengthening Social Cohesion in Municipalities**

VENUE: Hotel Danubius Health Spa Resort (Helia, Kárpát u. 62-64, HU-1133 Budapest, Panorama room)

Strengthening social cohesion and social inclusion is a central objective of socialist policies. Local authorities and regions have a preponderant role to play in strengthening social and territorial cohesion as well as in promoting the integration of migrants. The workshop of the USLRRE will focus on the challenges of migration and the fight against poverty.

Panel discussion: **prof. Dr. Balázs KREMER**, University of Debrecen, **Angéla NEMETH**, Deputy Mayor of XV. District of Budapest, **Christophe ROUILLON**, Mayor of Coulaines, Vice-President of the Association of French Mayors, Member of the Committee of the Regions, **Roland SCHÄFER**, Mayor of Bergkamen, Vice-President of the German Association of Towns and Municipalities, Member of the Council of Local and Regional Authorities in Europe, **Kornélia HOLOPNE SCHRAMEK**, Deputy Mayor of XIII. District of Budapest

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in **English, French, German and Hungarian.**



Friday, 14.30 – 16.30

S&D–Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the EP
(Bartok room)

Title: **Challenges for Social Democracy in XXI Century**

The people of Europe are being hit hard by the consequences of the economic, social, political and democratic crises. We need to find new, brave and progressive political responses on how to move forward. In this context, the S&D Group is organising a series of seminars on how to tackle challenges facing our Union today. In Budapest, renown experts like **Stephany Griffith-Jones**, Financial Markets Director at the initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University and other prominent figures, will get together with S&D leadership to debate on the: **“Challenges for Social Democracy in XXI Century”**. Throughout interactive workshops we will be exploring questions such as - What kind of structural reforms we need? What kind of migration policy is necessary? How to involve young generations in the social democratic movements?

Progressive Alliance, PES (Mozart room)

Title: **For a New Policy of Détente**

We are currently witnessing what is undoubtedly the most serious crisis in external relations and security policy in Europe since the end of the Cold War. 70 years after the end of the Second World War, fundamental principles of the European peace settlement have been brought into question and international law has been breached. A great deal of trust has been lost. Trust that, in part thanks to the policy of détente of the 1970ies, was able to develop gently after decades of confrontation between East and West.

Ending the violence in Eastern Ukraine and compelling all sides to reach a peaceful political solution of the conflict is the primary aim. At the same time, it is clear that securing peace and stability can only succeed in the long term if we strive for dialogue, mutual understanding and the balancing of legitimate interests. Only in that way will we get back onto the path of a long-term, stable and comprehensive peace and security settlement for all of us in Europe.

Panel discussion: **Enzo Amendola**, PD Italy, **Knut Fleckenstein**, SPD Germany, **László Kovács**, MSZP Hungary, **Katarína Neved'alová**, SMER Slovakia, **Kristian Vigenin**, BSP Bulgaria.

Moderator: **Giacomo Filibeck**, Deputy Secretary General, PES

PES Working Group on abstention and YES (Brahms room)

Title: **Fighting Youth Abstention**

Many democracies around the world are today characterized by low or falling voter turnout and a decline in political party memberships. The greatest abstainers from the European elections in 2014 were young people from 18 to 24 where the turnout was at only 28 percent. Yet it is also they who express the most positive feelings about the EU. This is dramatic for the democracy and even more dramatic when we take into consideration the demographic changes happening in most countries in Europe. Our population gets older and older. As political parties we must engage with and better understand the priorities and values narrative of the younger generation. How we should engage more youths into political parties, how to get more youths into political positions and how to raise youth turnout both at national and European elections are some of the questions our panel of experts will discuss in this workshop.

Panel discussion: **Kaisa Penny**, **David Lewis** (Audiencenet), Maria Freitas (FEPS)

Moderator: **Raymond Johansen**, DNA Norway

