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# Building a Fairer Future

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## Programme



**Sergei Stanishev**  
PES President  
BSP Chairman

“It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2013 PES Council in Sofia. As we meet Europe continues to face many challenges. We are confronted by the social consequences of the economic crisis every day. We want to build a fairer future, where Europe leads the way in providing jobs for our young people, creating sustainable industry, and protecting and promoting healthy democracy. The European Youth Guarantee is on the agenda thanks to the PES. Now we need to make sure it is implemented across the continent. A year ahead of the European elections, we will adopt our Fundamental Programme, outlining our vision for Progressive Societies in the 21st Century. Thanks to Caroline Gennez for guiding the process with such commitment. This will help us build the foundations of next year’s campaign. With the people of Europe, we aim to win that election, so that we can start to build a fairer future.”



**Zita Gurmai**  
PES Women President  
MSZP Hungary

“I am happy to welcome you all to the PES Council in Sofia. Our Council theme, ‘Building a fairer future for Europe’, means a Europe where women and men have equal opportunities, rights and treatment. This is why, here in Sofia at our annual Conference, PES Women is launching its campaign ‘Equal Pay, It’s about Time!’. The issue of equal pay must be addressed at EU level. We need a strong post to bring this fight into the heart of EU policy making. Trends must be regularly assessed and where necessary pressure to close the gap must be applied. The same fights apply to youth unemployment with young women being hardest hit. I am proud of our campaign for a European Youth Guarantee and remain committed to making it a long term success. We have one year ahead of us to mobilize women and men and get ready for the 2014 European Elections. Let’s show that a social-democratic Europe can bring a fairer future and let’s start here today!”

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

- 09.00 Registration for PES Women Annual Conference (6th Floor - Foyer)
- 09.30 - 11.00 PES Women Statutory Meeting (Sky Plaza)
- 11.30 - 17.30 PES Women Annual Conference (Hall 7)  
‘Women Up! Against the Crisis’
- 14.30 - 17.30 PES Activists Conference (Hall 8)  
‘United in Solidarity’
- 14.30 - 17.30 Rainbow Rose Meeting (Hall 9)
- 17.30 - 19.30 PES Presidency (Sky Plaza)
- 20.00 S&D Group Reception  
(Boyana Residence, Dom 2, Vitoshko Lale Str 16, Sofia)

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

- 08.30 Registration for PES Council (6th Floor - Foyer)
- 09.30 Opening (Hall 3)  
Statutory Procedures (Hall 3)  
Key Speeches (Hall 3)  
Leaders Panel: European Youth Guarantee Now! (Hall 3)  
Adoption of the PES Council Youth Unemployment Appeal! (Hall 3)  
Presentation of PES Council Resolution:  
‘A European Industrial Policy for growth and employment’  
followed by adoption (Hall 3)  
Leaders Panel: Protecting & Promoting European Democracy  
(Hall 3)
- 13.00 - 14.30 Lunch Break (Sky Plaza)
- 14.30 - 16.30 Presentation of the PES Fundamental Programme (Hall 3)  
Debate Open to the floor (Hall 3)  
Adoption of the Fundamental Programme (Hall 3)
- 16.30 Closing (Hall 3)