



Euromf EZA-Seminar- Program



## **A strong system of social security as protection for workers against the impact of the economic crisis**

*01th and 02nd of September 2011*

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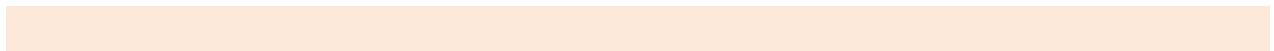
Social security is built by a solidarity mechanism for employees, employers and government. The strength of this system is the factor solidarity. A strong system is capable to built a wall against poverty and is also a strong protection against economical crises. But the big question is: what is the sustainability of this solidarity while nowadays liberalization is the economical hype to solve all problems.

Within this whole system of social security we zoom in on the pillar pension and the pillar health and disability insurance during this seminar.

Moreover, the current economic crisis causes policy measures that make shrink social protection in most European countries. Is there room for solidarity in this context? Are we growing on one hand towards a small first legal pillar based on principals of solidarity and insurance and on the other hand towards a big second free market pillar only based on the liberal principals of insurance?

In other words: does Europe works on a social security system as an economical (financial) challenge rather than a social challenge with economical aspects? How are the social organizations (the so called Middlefield organizations) involved in the process of building a real European social security system? How can social security survive in a European common market without common definition of public services?

But we also seek to broaden knowledge and share experiences from our own practice: projects of social and civil society on these topics in several old and new EU member states will be presented during this seminar. This way of exchange and dialogue will work inspiring for actions who matters in changing European policy.



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## Thursday, 01<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011

**09.40 -10.10**

Opening of the seminar by Mr. Bogdan Hossu, president of Cartel Alfa & vice-president of EZA

**10.10 - 11.00**

Health and disability insurance:

Social Security & health and disability insurance

- Jos Kesenne: Advisor "Federation of Christian Mutuality's" (Brussels – Belgium)

**11.00 – 11.15:** Coffee break

**11.15 – 12.45**

The national insurance systems and situation in other European countries:

**11.15 – 10.50**

System and situation in Croatia

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**10.50 – 12.25**

System and situation in Romania

- Cartel Alfa, Romania.

**12.25 – 13.00**

System and situation in Poland

- SWP Flandria, in Option

**13.00 – 14.30:** Lunch

**14.30 – 17.00**

How civil organizations make work for a strong system

**14.30 – 15.15**

Example from Romania

Self organisation of elderly people based on mutual help

- Graziela Suciu, Casa de Ajutor Reciproc a Pensionarilor (Caransebes – Romania)

**15.15 – 16.00**

Example from Romania

Federation of local initiatives towards accessible and qualitative health care: how to work against poverty

- Cristina Chert, FDAAM - Fundatia pentru Dezvoltarea Asociatiilor de Ajutor Mutual (Iasi/Bucharest – Romania)

**16.00 – 16.45**

Example from Belgium

- Jean-Paul De Rudder, Movement Service Cristian Mutuality - Belgium.

**16.45 – 17.30**

More examples and overview from CEDAG

**17.30 – 18.00**

- Final groups discussion of the first day
  - Questions, remarks and conclusions.

**19.00:** Dinner in the hotel



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## Friday, 02nd of September, 2011

**09.20:** Opening

**09.30 – 10.30**

Pension:

The Belgian pension system in relation to solidarity and against the impact of the economic crisis

- Prof.dr. Jos Berghman, Social Policy - CeSO - K.U.Leuven (Leuven – Belgium)

**10.30 – 10.45:** Coffee break

**10.45 – 13.00**

The national insurance systems and situation in other European countries:

**10.45 – 11.30**

System and situation in Croatia

- Meri Uvodić, Independent Trade Unions of Croatia (Croatia)

**11.30 – 12.15**

System and situation in Romania

- Petru Dandea, Vice-president Cartel-Alfa (Bucharest – Romania)

**12.15 – 13.00**

System and situation in Poland

- Ewa Tomaszewska (Poland)

**13.00 – 14.00:** Lunch

**14.00 – 17.00**

Depending on progress on the topic Pension, third part and questions and debate.

Health and disability insurance:

**14.00 – 14.45**

Example from Romania

- Cristea Toader , president of Alianta Europensionarilor, Galati (Romania)

**14.45 – 15.30**

Example from Romania

- Federation of local groups and how they influence the society towards qualitative pensions and health care.
  - Nedelcu Preda, president of Federația Națională a Sindicatelor Pensionarilor din România FNSPR (Bucharest – Romania)

**15.30 – 15.45:** Coffee break

**16.00 – 16.45**

Example from Belgium

- Federation of local groups and how they influence the society towards qualitative pensions and health care.
  - Fons Janssens, regional director-secretary OKRA (Turnhout – Belgium)

**16.45 – 17.15**

Open discussion within the participants 'group.

**17.15 – 17.30**

Final discussion and closure of the seminar

**19.00:** Dinner outside the hotel



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**Saturday, 03<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011**

**09.30 – 12.30**

Guided town visit and House of Parliament

**Languages:**

- Simultaneous translation in Dutch, English, Romanian and Polish.

**Place:**

**Euro Hotels International Polizu**

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reservation of the hotel will be done by Euromf

**Registration fee:**

A participation fee for the participants has been fixed to the amount of

- € 20 for participants from Eastern Europe
- € 100 all other participants

**Registration/enrolment:**

- Registrations before the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011:
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