



The coordination of economic policies at EU level, a renewed role for the European Semester

Bucharest, 4 April 2019

**National Library of Romania, “Mircea Eliade” Conference Room
(22 Unirii Boulevard)**

9:00 - 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 - 11:30 Opening session

Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

Viorel Ștefan, Viceprime-Minister, Government of Romania

Luca Jahier, President, European Economic and Social Committee

Eugen Orlando Teodorovici, Minister, Ministry of Public Finance

Gabriela Crețu, Senator, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Senate and Chairwoman of the Joint Special Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate for coordinating the parliamentary activities necessary for the preparation of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Rob Jonkman, Vice-President of the Commission for Economic Policy, European Committee of the Regions

Monica Dorina Gheorghiuță, State secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 - 13:15 First working session – Fostering quality investment. A closer link between the European Semester and the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework

Rovana Plumb, Minister, Ministry of European Funds

Ștefan-Radu Oprea, Minister, Ministry for the Business Environment, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Florin Horațiu Iura, State secretary, Ministry of Public Finances

Benjamin Angel, Director, Directorate L – Treasury and Financial Operations and Directorate E – Economies of the Member States III, DG for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

James Watson, Director, Department of Economics, BusinessEurope

Eric Mamer, Director, Directorate A – Competitiveness and European Semester, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

Q & A session

Moderator: **Gabriela Drăgan**, Director General, European Institute of Romania

13:15 - 14:15 **Lunch (buffet)**

14:15 - 15:15 **Second working session – Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights and investing in human capital. The social dimension of the European Semester**

Simona Țiparu, Director, National Agency for Employment

Luca Visentini, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Elena Cătălina Surcel, Vice President, Economic and Social Council of Romania

Barbara Kauffmann, Director, Directorate A - Employment and Social Governance, DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Petru Sorin Dandea, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

Q & A session

Moderator: **Monica Ghiurco**, Journalist, Romanian Television

15:15 - 15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30 - 16:30 **Final Remarks – What’s next for the European Semester?**

Wolfgang Merz, President, Economic Policy Committee (EPC)

Marcel Haag, Director, Directorate D – Jobs, Growth & Investment, Secretariat-General, European Commission

Rob Jonkman, Vice-President of the Commission for Economic Policy, European Committee of the Regions

Andrei Rădulescu, Institute for World Economy, Romanian Academy

Q & A session