An Chomhairle Náisiúnta Eacnamaíoch agus Shóisialta
National Economic & Social Council

Social and Civil Dialogue in a Time of National and European Crisis

Annual meeting of the Secretaries General of the ESCs of the EU and the EESC

Eurofound, Loughlinstown, Dublin, 3rd and 4th May 2012.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 3 May 2012

Morning Collection of participants from airport/hotel with bus transfer to venue

13.00 Arrival at venue, registration and light lunch

Welcome and introduction of main theme: 'Social and civil dialogue in a time of national and European crisis'

14.00 Welcome and introduction
Martin Fraser, Chairman of the Irish National Economic and Social Council

Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

14.05 Summary of main trends in social dialogue identified in our meetings in 2011
Introduction: *Rory O'Donnell*
Presentation: *Dr Aidan Regan, Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies*

Session 1: Report on national experiences
14.35 Presentations from the each of the Councils
The Netherlands
Czech Republic
Finland

16.00 Coffee break

16.15 **Continuation of reports on national experiences**
Bulgaria
Belgium

17.00 End of first day's meeting
Bus transfer to hotel

19.30 Drinks and dinner: Eden Restaurant, Temple Bar

Friday 4 May 2012

8.45	Bus transfer to European Foundation
Session 2:	**Continuation of national experiences**
9.30	Presentations from each Council *Ireland* *Luxembourg* *Italy* *Slovakia*
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	**Continuation of national experiences** *Austria* *Spain*
Session 3:	**Presentation from the EESC**
Session 4:	**Conclusions and introduction of themes for the meeting of Presidents and SG's in November**
12.30	Introduction of themes for reporting and discussion in November *Labour market and welfare reforms*
13.00	End of meeting and buffet lunch
13.30	Bus transfer to airport or Cultural Tour
15.00	Cultural programme: Tour of the James Joyce Tower, Sandycove, and popular sea swimming area with opportunity to 'take a dip'