

Order of business

Thursday, 1 October 2026

Welcoming words by:

- **Li Andersson**, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Opening remarks by:

- **Dara Calleary**, Minister for Social Protection, Irish Presidency (tbc)
- **Mario Nava**, Director General EMPL, European Commission (tbc)

10:00-11:30 Session I - How can the future ESF+ make a stronger and more tangible contribution to achieving the EU's employment and social objectives: quality jobs, adult learning and poverty reduction

Keynote speech by **Lisa Schöler**, Caritas Germany (tbc)

Remarks by:

- **David Casa**, EMPL Co-Rapporteur on establishing the European Social Fund as part of the National and Regional Partnership Plan set out in Regulation (EU) [...] [NRPPPlan] establishing conditions for the implementation of the Union support to quality employment, skills and social inclusion for the period from 2028 to 2034
- **XXXXXX**, Representative of National Parliament 1
- **XXXXXX**, Representative of National Parliament 2

Followed by a discussion

11:30-13:00 Session II - What should be the main priorities of ESF+ during the period 2028-2034 to address emerging social and economic challenges?

Keynote speech by **Alexandra Dechappe**, Fédération Française des Banques Alimentaires (tbc)

Remarks by:

- **Marit Maij**, EMPL Co-Rapporteur on establishing the European Social Fund as part of the National and Regional Partnership Plan set out in Regulation (EU) [...] [NRPPPlan] establishing conditions for the implementation of the Union support to quality employment, skills and social inclusion for the period from 2028 to 2034
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Closing remarks by:

- **Li Andersson**, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs