“The European Youth Guarantee: From concept to reality”
Eurofound national level seminar
(Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain)

Date: 28 November 2013
Time: 9h00 – 17h00
Venue: El Consejo Económico y Social (CES)
Auditorium, C/ Huertas 73 Madrid 28014, Spain
Language regime: Simultaneous interpretation - English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese

Programme

9.00 Coffee on arrival

9.30 Welcome and opening
Marcos Peña, President of the Spanish Economic and Social Council
Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director, Eurofound

10.00 Living and Working in Europe (Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain)
Barbara Gerstenberger, Coordinator in the Directorate, Eurofound

10.20 A Youth Guarantee: The Nordic concept of the Youth Guarantee
Massimiliano Mascherini, Research Manager, Employment and Change Unit, Eurofound

10.40 A New Youth Guarantee for Europe: A roadmap for Member States
Max Uebe, Head of Unit of Sectorial Employment challenges, Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship, the European Commission

11.00-11.45 Discussion/Q&A
Chair: José María Goerlich Peset, Member, Spanish Economic and Social Council Expert Group

11.45 Coffee break
12.00-13.30  **Panel session I – The Youth Guarantee: the challenges of implementation**

- Differentiation: how to manage the varying needs of the different groups of young people looking for work?
- Providing an optimal system: how to match the right person to the right job?
- How to move forward on youth employment when jobs are not available?

Chair: **Juan Menéndez-Valdés**, Director, Eurofound

- **Paul Carroll**, Divisional Manager, Department of Social Protection, Chairperson of National Steering Committee for Ballymun, Pilot Youth Guarantee Scheme, (IE)
- **Elisa Gambardella**, Policy Advisor Unit, Ministry of Labour (IT)
- **Adélia Costa**, Head of Employment Department, Institute for Employment and Professional Training (PT)
- **Miguel Fernández Díez-Picazo**, Deputy Director General for Labour Market Analysis at the Ministry for Employment and Social Security/National Coordinator for the Youth Guarantee (ES)

13.30 Lunch

15.00-16.30  **Panel session II – The Youth Guarantee: opportunities and synergies**

- Engagement: How to reach out to young people in implementing the Youth Guarantee?
- Some real life examples of good traineeships: how to ensure quality traineeships?

Chair: **Massimiliano Mascherini**, Research Manager, Employment and Change Unit, Eurofound

- **Catherine Hazlett**, Principal Officer at Department of Children and Youth Affairs (IE)
- **Antonelle Pirastu**, Labour Market Training Department at the Italian Labour Union, UIL (IT)
- **Ana Vieira**, Secretary General of the Commerce and Services Confederation, (PT)
- **Lloyd Russell-Moyle**, Vice-President, European Youth Forum

16.30  **Closing remarks**

**Miguel Ángel García Martín**, Director General for Self-Employment, Social Economy and Corporate Social Responsibility at the Ministry of Employment and Social Security (ES)

16.45 Networking reception