

In the last two decades Western societies have undergone significant changes that have, inevitably, had an impact on European welfare structures. Even acknowledging diverse institutional specificities, there are common processes which challenge the regulation of traditional welfare programmes. The current situation is characterised by a process of European convergence, as well as the persistence of specific mechanisms at the national level.

In these circumstances, the new institutional configurations, emerging around local welfare networks, are becoming an important area of research.

The role of trade unions as actors in welfare regulation requires reconsideration, as do their role in establishing collaborative or conflicting relationships with the public and third sectors who are involved in the governance of local social services.

This seminar will present and discuss the results of research addressing these issues undertaken in eight European countries: Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, Sweden and Poland.

For each country, the research provides an overview of the changes in the trade union movement, not only as an actor in labour market bargaining, but also as an active party in the regulation of welfare services.

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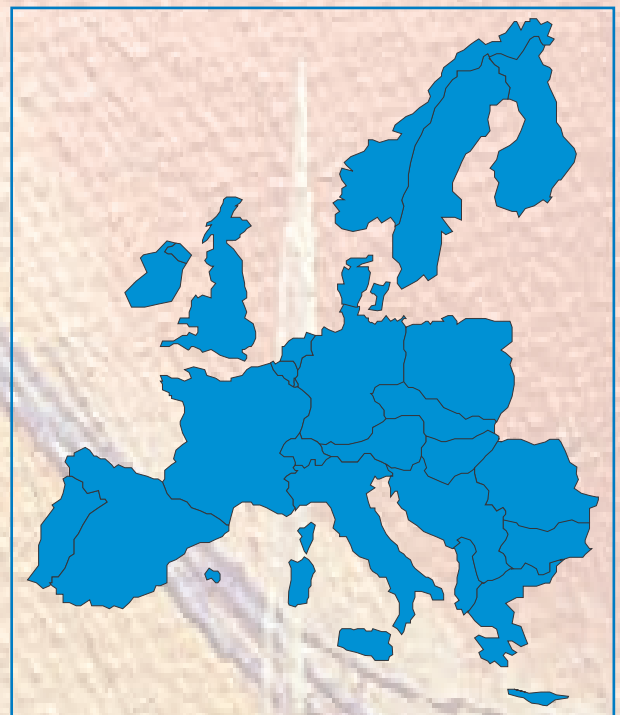
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Trade unions and welfare networks in Europe

Trento, 26-27 October



**Cassa Centrale Casse Rurali Trentine
don Guetti room
Vanetti street- Trento**



PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER

14:30 Registration

15:00 Welcome and opening addresses by

Lorenzo Dellai,
President of the Autonomous Province of Trento

Antonella Noya,
Policy Analyst CFE/OECD, LEED Programme
Michele Colasanto,
President of the Giulio Pastore Foundation
Gian Carlo Panero,
President of the INAS-CISL

15:30 FIRST SESSION

Chair: Gustavo De Santis,
General Secretary of the Giulio Pastore Foundation

WELFARE NETWORKS: COUNTRIES ANALYSIS –I

Great Britain, Corinne Nativel, *University of Glasgow*
Sweden, Luca Dotti, *University of Milan*
France, Elisabetta Pernigotti, *University of Paris VII*

Comments by Sergio Betti, CISL Federal Secretary

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

9:30 SECOND SESSION

Chair: Gianni Tiburzi,
Vice-President INAS-CISL

WELFARE NETWORKS: COUNTRIES ANALYSIS – II

Germany, Steve French, *Keele University*
Poland, Adam Gliksman, *Jagiellonian University*
Italy, Andrea Ciarini, *Giulio Pastore Foundation*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 THIRD SESSION

Chair: Gianni Tiburzi,
Vice-President INAS- CISL

WELFARE NETWORKS: COUNTRIES ANALYSIS - III

Belgium, Ides Nicaise, *Catholic University of Louvain*
Spain, Joaquim Aiguabella, *Social Studies Office*

A cross-sectional lecture of national case studies, Andrea Ciarini, *Giulio Pastore Foundation*

Comments by Richard Exell, Trade Union Congress

13:30 Conclusions addresses by

Sante Marzotto, *Vice-President INAS-CISL*