

Dear Friends,

The ETUC SociAll project is glad to **invite you to the event “The Future of Social Protection in the EU and of the Welfare State – a focus on Italy”**.

It will take place **in Rome, at the Auditorium Carlo Donat-Cattin, Via Rieti 13, on 18 January 2024, from 9:00 to 14:00** (please find the agenda attached).

Interpretation will be provided in Italian, English and French.

*The welfare state is a fundamental aspect of Europe’s identity. Therefore, it is imperative that for the digital and green transitions, as well as reforms in energy and competition policy, to be successful, parallel reforms in EU members’ welfare states are needed.*

*The report produced by the High-Level Group is a roadmap, aiming to serve as a tool for national governments and the European Commission. The continuous adjustment of social protection policies to the emerging realities is of paramount importance for tackling inequalities and achieving growth.*

*The content of the Report and its recommendations are also relevant for Member States and the SociAll events will help assess the opportunities and the challenges that Member States would face in implementing such recommendations and bringing about resilient, inclusive, effective welfare states.*

The event is the **first of a series of national-based ones** aimed at promoting the **Recommendations of the Report on the future of welfare in member states in the context of a European strategy** that must be composite, people-centred, according to the European Pillar of Social Rights, especially vis-à-vis the challenge of managing transitions, fighting inequality, and generating sustainable growth.

For this reason, the event gathers together the members of the High-Level Group, the general secretaries of the Italian trade unions, governmental representatives, as well as EU level personalities.

However, this is a European event, that takes the moves from the Italian debate to feed the discussion in other member states too: thus, **trade unionists and governmental representatives from all over Europe are invited to attend and feed the discussion:**

If you wish to attend in person, please register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bb0yvQnDd6>

If you wish to attend remotely, please register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/x1FLFgmAGX>

You will be able to follow the event from the page dedicated to the event from 9h am of 18 January 2024 on the SociAll website: <https://spa1.etuc.org/event/the-future-of-social-protection-and-of-the-welfare-state-in-the-eu-a-focus-on-italy/>

Feel free to share this event with any potentially interested colleagues, given the highly relevant and transversal topic at stake.

You can find the full Report of the High-Level Group on the future of social protection and of the welfare state in the EU in English as well as **translations in different languages** of its executive summary and recommendations on the EC webpage: [High-Level Group presents its recommendations on the future of social protection and the welfare state - Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

We look forward to meeting you in person or virtually,

My team and I remain at your disposal for any question,

Best regards,

Giulio Romani  
Confederal Secretary