



INVITATION

Informal Meeting of Employment and Social Affairs Ministers

[12 - 13 February 2026]

Nicosia, 12 January 2026

Dear Minister,
Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to the informal meeting of the Employment and Social Affairs Ministers which will take place in Lefkosia (Nicosia) on the 12th and the 13th of February.

In the evening of the 12th of February we will host a cultural event followed by a Gala Dinner.

The informal EPSCO meeting aims to promote a shared European approach to fair, inclusive, and future-oriented employment and social policies, with social justice as a central guiding principle.

Additionally, the meeting will focus on the European Antipoverty Strategy and the EU's overarching objective of eradicating poverty and address the major challenges associated with ensuring access to high-quality Long-Term Care that meets the evolving needs of ageing.

In the morning of the 13th of February, discussions will focus on "Fair Employment for Social Justice", while in the afternoon session, on Social Policy, they will specifically focus on the "European Anti-Poverty Strategy", and "Person-Centred Long-Term Care as a Driver of Active Ageing".

Please find attached the preliminary agenda of our meeting and the Practical Information Note, containing details on accreditation, accommodation and other logistics. The final agenda and steering notes will be circulated in due time.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Lefkosia in February 2026 for productive discussions on these important policy topics.

Yours sincerely,

Marinos Moushouttas
Minister of Labour and Social Insurance

Clea Papaellina
Deputy Minister of Social Welfare