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Description:

One-day event, 50 participants, in Brussels, livestreaming and video recording, translations in at least 3 languages.

Project Title	ShaPE. The Social Partners as shapers and makers of Social Europe: discovering foundations and futures
Work Package	WP5 (Dissemination and Communication)
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Dissemination Level	PU: Public

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Introduction

The ShaPE project – “The Social Partners as shapers and makers of Social Europe: discovering foundations and futures” – is a two-year, EU-funded research initiative (2024–2025) that examines how European social partners have shaped Social Europe in the past and how they can be empowered to address the profound challenges now confronting the European Union. The project brought together leading academic institutions, social partner organisations, and policy experts to combine archival discovery, legal and policy analysis, and forward-looking institutional proposals.

ShaPE’s work generated an unprecedented body of historical knowledge on the role of social partners in EU integration, particularly in Treaty-making and social policy law-making, and drew on these insights to formulate concrete recommendations for strengthening social dialogue and modernising the EU’s social governance framework. Across its three core research work packages, ShaPE demonstrates that social partners have historically played a decisive—though sometimes overlooked—role in shaping EU social policy, while today facing structural, institutional, and legal constraints that limit their capacity to co-govern Europe’s major transitions. To address this imbalance, the project calls for a strategic re-anchoring of the EU’s social dimension within the Treaties, reinforced mechanisms for cross-border collective bargaining, and stronger institutional guarantees for the implementation of European social partner agreements.

ShaPE Final Conference

At month 24, the results of the ShaPE project were disseminated to the relevant stakeholders, industrial relations actors, EU institutions, policymakers and civil society, through a one-day final conference in Brussels.

The final conference of the ShaPE project brought together high-level speakers from EU institutions, national and European social partners, and leading academics in the fields of labour law, European governance, and industrial relations. Organised by the **European Movement International** and co-hosted by **MEP Brando Benifei** at the European Parliament, the event served as a platform to present the project’s key findings, foster dialogue among stakeholders, and reflect on the evolving role of social partners in shaping a resilient and inclusive Social Europe.

The event was also an opportunity to share the results of the project and the final version of the web portal. The conference was organised in a hybrid format, and the recordings are made available on the [event webpage](#), the [project webpage](#), and on [YouTube](#). The event followed the guidelines of the Commission regarding the acknowledgement and visibility of the EU funding. It referenced to the project ID, EU

emblem, grant agreement were made visible in all documents, publication, event page. The final conference was based on the principle of gender balance.

The Conference's objectives were to present the key outcomes of the research work done in the previous 24 months, discuss with the key stakeholders main conclusions and recommendations and set the ground for the policy uptake and project exploitation.

The agenda was designed by the coordinator and other partners to reflect the diversity of the project and key results: overall overview of the project, digital archives and redesign of social partners role and social Europe in the future. It gathered key stakeholders: social partners, academia, policy and decision makers, and civil society, in a focused exchange and discussion about the main conclusions and recommendations stemming from extensive research.

The invitations were sent to a carefully selected list of key stakeholders and wider civil society networks. The event was also advertised on the EMI website and [social media platforms](#).

Through its community management system, the EMI recorded **72 registrations** for the event, both online and offline. The final event gathered **56 participants** (44 in-person; 12 online).

Key Conference Information

Date: 9 December 2025

Location: European Parliament, Brussels

Organised by: European Movement International (EMI)

Hosted by: European Parliament, Mr. Brando Benifei, Member of the European Parliament (MEP)

The **Event page**:

[ShaPE – The Social Partners as shapers and makers of Social Europe: discovering foundations and futures - European Movement](#)

The **material** disseminated:

- Agenda (Annexed)
- [The ShaPE brochure](#) (also Annexed to this deliverable)
- The [catalogue](#) on the Digital exhibition 'Social Europe 1984-1994 – Social Partners and European Integration'

Agenda

9h00 – 9h30: Gathering and registration at the European Parliament

9h45 – 10h15: Opening speeches by

- **Brando Benifei MEP**, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats
- Presentation of the SHAPE project by the project coordinator, **Prof. Claire Kilpatrick**, European University Institute.

10h15 – 10h30: Social Europe in the Archives – the road to Maastricht

→ Chairs **Dieter Schlenker**, Director of the Historical Archives of the European Union

- **Marc Benedict Steiert**, Research Associate at the European University Institute
- **Jacopo Cellini**, Research Fellow, Historical Archives of the European Union

10h30 - 11h30: Panel *Redesigning the social partners' role and Social Europe for the future*

→ Chair **Prof. Fausta Guarriello**, Professor of Italian and European Labour Law at University of Chieti Pescara

Panellists:

- **Claes-Mikael Stahl**, Deputy General Secretary at European Trade Union Confederation
- **Valeria Ronzitti**, General Secretary of SGI Europe
- **Max Uebe**, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness, European Commission
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- **Katrin Langenspiepen**, MEP, Greens/EFA
- **Juan Fernando López Aguilar**, MEP, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

11h30 – 12h30: Networking lunch

12h30: End of the event

Annexes

- [ShaPE brochure](#)
- Agenda

ShAPE

The Social Partners as shapers and makers of Social Europe: discovering foundations and futures

09.12. | 9h | European Parliament, room ASP 3H1

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








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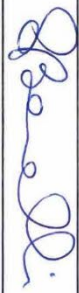



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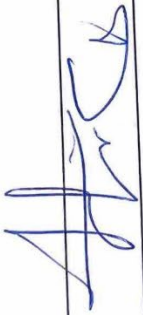

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