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Delegations will find attached information on the events organised by the Presidency, with a view to the EPSCO Council on 27 and 28 November 2023 (Any Other Business item).

## **Information on the events organised by the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

### **Informal ministerial meeting**

#### **Informal meeting of Equality Ministers in relation to violence against women, 24 November, Pamplona**

The event has been organised to advance in the fight against all forms of violence against women and to promote prevention, detection, protection and redress as the pillars of public initiatives.

### **High-level conferences**

#### **High-level conference on active employment policies and the European Year of Skills, 19-20 October, Barcelona**

The high-level conference analysed the current changes in the labour market and their impact on people's skills. At the occasion of the event, a tripartite Declaration on the European Year of Skills was signed by government representatives of Spain, Belgium and Sweden with the European social partners and the European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights.

#### **High-level conference on Social Economy: People, Planet, Action, 13-14 November, San Sebastian**

Within the framework of San Sebastian as social economy capital, this conference served as a call to action to mobilize the full potential of major milestones such as the United Nations Resolution on Social and Solidarity Economy, or the European Social Economy Action Plan, as well as to continue to promote the visibility of these models of collective, democratic and solidarity-based entrepreneurship.

### **Conference on Minimum Income and Social Inclusion Policies, 16 October, Aranjuez**

The conclusions of this conference have been included in the Aranjuez Declaration, a document in which Spain reaffirms its commitment to promote and improve minimum income systems, complemented by other inclusion policies that enhance their effectiveness.

### **High-level meeting on social protection for the self-employed, 13 November, Madrid**

The objective of the meeting was to foster discussion and dialogue between high-level experts and social partners on the current situation of social protection for the self-employed, future challenges and possible strategies in the context of a changing labour market.

### **Conference on the right to care, 17-18 October, Madrid**

The conference promoted the European Care Strategy. The meeting focused on advancing the exchange on existing public policies in the EU aimed at guaranteeing the universal right to care and the formulation of approaches that contribute to defining a common strategic framework.

### **Conference on Anti-Racism in the European Union, 2-3 November, Barcelona**

The conference comprised three thematic sessions. The first dealt with structural racism and the collection of data by ethnicity in statistics, studies and surveys; the second focused on the representation of people of African descent in public office and in the media; and the third and final session dealt with anti-racist legislation and national action plans.

### **Meeting of Child Guarantee Coordinators, 3 November, Valencia**

The meeting had as objectives to give visibility to the EU initiative of the Child Guarantee, to give continuity to the impulse given by previous Presidencies and to be coherent with the Spanish commitment to tackling the issue of children in poverty. The meeting also aimed to reinforce the European commitment and discuss the public policies of the Member States targeting a particularly vulnerable group of children: those boys and girls under the care of protection systems, having suffered violence or neglect.

## **High-level meeting on the rights of persons with disabilities, 16 November, Palma de Mallorca**

Building on previous work carried out in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities, the meeting was an opportunity to take stock of recent developments. Good practices were shared by some countries that are being a reference in the field of disability.

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