

## **Protecting Pension Rights in the Economic Crisis**

**ENRSP Conference on 18 and 19 June, 2009 in Leuven**

### **Call for papers**

This year's ENRSP conference will take place in Leuven (Belgium) on 18 and 19 June, 2009 and is being organised on behalf of the Network by Prof. dr. Yves Stevens.

The topic will be "Protecting Pension Rights in the Economic Crisis".

The current global economic crisis raises questions about the pension policies that have been pursued by many countries. Have the right steps been taken in the past? Do we need to re-examine the structure of pension provision? Is enough known about the respective problems faced in these circumstances by both pay-as-you-go and funded pension systems?

The conference will focus on all types of pension provision and will examine various themes including, but not limited to:

- The current economic and legal mechanism behind pension schemes in times of financial turbulence;
- The role of accounting regulations on pension in times of financial problems;
- The risk and impact of insolvencies of employers and pension providers;
- The evaluation of the existing funding requirements on pension schemes, particularly in such conditions;
- The creation of sustainable and adequate pensions, by learning about best practice and the experience of other countries.

In today's world the economic situation makes it ever more important to deal with these issues as various countries, either introduce new pension structures or review existing ones. It will therefore be of great and immediate interest to learn about the experiences of different European and other developed countries.

Papers should deal with these issues in an analytic and critical way and, as far as possible, compare the situation of a range of countries.

**If you wish to present a paper on this topic please e-mail a one page summary to a member of the Scientific Committee (see below). Members of the Committee will also be pleased to provide any additional information that is required. We need to receive this summary no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Authors will be notified by the Scientific Committee if their paper has been selected by the end of February. Completed papers must then be submitted by the beginning of June, so that they can be circulated at the Conference. It is intended that the Conference papers will then be published as shortly as possible after the Conference.**

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