



EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

General Assembly Meeting 2026 Draft agenda (as of 15 June 2026)

Date: 14-15 October 2026

Venue: UNOV, Vienna, Wagramer Strasse 5, Conference Room 4 (CR-4), 7th floor

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Wednesday, 14 October 2026

09.00-12.30 **Closed Session of the Board of Directors**

UNOV, C-Building, Conference Room 4 (CR-4), 7th floor

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-14.15 **Opening**

- *Anja Korenblik, Acting Chair (UNODC)*
 - *Korinna Schumann, Austrian Federal Minister of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (tbc)*
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14.15-14.45 **Management Team Report and Outlook**

- *Anette Scoppetta, Executive Director*
 - *Sonila Danaj, Deputy Director*
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14.45-15.30 **Science for Policy – Policy for Science: Where do we stand today?**

Round table with Board Members and NLOs

Chair: Anette Scoppetta

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-17.00 **Transforming society - Uncovering Opportunities and Challenges:** European Centre's key findings from social policy research on issue identification

Presented by Elif Naz Kayran, Kai Leichsenring, Selam Woldemariam and Nikko Bilitza

Invited comments by Board Members and NLOs as well as general discussion

Chair: Niki Kalavrezou

17.00 **Meeting adjourned**

19.00 **Dinner on invitation of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection**



Thursday, 15 October 2026

09.00-10.00	<p>Tools and methods - Deepening Understanding:</p> <p>Lessons learnt by the European Centre on investigating societal issues</p> <p><i>Presented by Michael Fuchs, Felix Groß-Wohlgemuth, Selma Kadi and David Conforti</i></p> <p><i>Invited comments by Board Members and NLOs as well as general discussion</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Sonila Danaj</i></p>
10.00-11.00	<p>From Insights to Policy Impact – Monitoring and Driving Change:</p> <p>European Centre’s experience in knowledge translation and research-based solutions for effective social policy</p> <p><i>Presented by Sabina Gjylsheni, Lisa Marie Hanzl and Eszter Zólyomi</i></p> <p><i>Invited comments by Board Members and NLOs as well as general discussion</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Magdi Birta</i></p>
11.00-11.30	Break
11.30-12.30	<p>Moving forward: How can we best position ourselves to promote social transformation in the Policy-Research-Impact nexus?</p> <p><i>Round table</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Needs and expectations of member states• Funding opportunities• Outlook new projects and new leadership <p><i>Invited comments by Board Members and NLOs as well as general discussion</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Anette Scoppetta</i></p>
12.30-13.00	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General discussion• Farewell and closing
13.00-14.30	Joint lunch
