

EDRC Seminar:

Growth, Employment and Welfare – Nordic lessons and perspectives

11 June, 2.00 - 6.00 pm OECD Conference Centre (Auditorium)

Chairman of the Seminar: *Christian Kastrop, Director, Policy Studies Branch (OECD/ECO)*

2.00 - 2.10 pm Introduction by the Chair

2.10 - 3.55 pm Session 1

Can high and inclusive growth be achieved in an environment of a limited innovation capacity and large public sectors?

Achieving high productivity in the small Nordic welfare states

Speaker: Vesa Vihriälä, Managing Director of ETLA, the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy

Improving the efficiency of a welfare state

Speaker: Tarmo Valkonen, Director of Research of ETLA, the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy

Comments:

Christophe André, Senior Economist (OECD/ECO)

James Beard, Counsellor, New Zealand Delegation to the OECD

Discussion

3.55 - 4.10 pm Coffee

4.10 - 5.55 pm Session 2

How to achieve the employment rates needed for financing tomorrow's welfare states in the conditions of global competition and technical change requiring ever higher skills?

Nordic welfare model: Employment, equality and fiscal viability

Speaker: Torben Andersen, Professor at Aarhus University

Education and labour market attachment for youth. Ensuring future employment rates

Speaker: Erling Barth, Research Professor, Institute for Social Research in Oslo

Comments:

Mark Pearson, Deputy Director (OECD/ELS)

Sue Vroombout, Minister-Counsellor, Australian Delegation to the OECD

Discussion

5.55 - 6.00 pm Conclusions by the Chair

6.00 – 8.00 pm Reception for the participants