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## Great Social Conference in France

### 3rd edition of the reform debate

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Does the government must to maintain the social dialogue permanently with the main actors of the civil society (trade unionists, Associations etc) against the employers and representatives of large companies?

Unless there is the solution which lies in a Great Social annual conference, large gathering, in an institution that is more or less neutral as the Economic and Social Council in order to discuss around a table and make ideas and points emerge agreements (and disagreements) on social issues to resolve the most thorny issues.

François Hollande, the President of the French Republic, is him who launched this concept of the Great Social Conference for the first edition in 2012, just after his election in order to give rise to major reforms. The priorities to be tackled are the law of securing employment to reduce unemployment in France and the pact for growth, competitiveness and employment (First year) as well as pension reform and vocational training and social democracy (Second year). It is a huge and ambitious project that the government hopes to gain real progress in "releasing energy" with concrete benefits.

This third edition based on the slogan "One year to remove barriers to employment and to the challenge of trust" is built around themes dear to the citizens who unfortunately fall this year in the context under tension (Unemployment growing, disappointment taxpayers face tax increases, purchasing power, the entrepreneurs dissatisfied with the administrative and tax complexity) that explains the anger of major trade unionists who announced boycott this great meeting.

Regarding the most tensed context, the head of state explained about the unemployment issue,

"Before giving any figures let's talk about this meeting that should lead to the removal of all blockages, all obstacles and implementation of all means so that alternating and learning would become a major national program for our countries. Then there are the long-term unemployed there are also implacable figures with 1 million of our compatriots who are unemployed for over two years, when 2 million are themselves unemployed for more than a year. "

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Prime Minister Manuel Valls has promised "200 million euros will be more clear and voted upon next week. He added, "In a world that moves so fast, nothing would be tragic for our country because inaction. The inaction leads to decline. And like all of you, I refuse".

Moreover, here's what to retain mainly and following numerous advertisements discussed through workshops ministerial work, as well as statements by the President and Prime Minister, Manuel Valls.

1 - For young people in difficulty, the state mobilizes EU funds of € 160 million over two years (In particular in regions where the rate of youth unemployment exceeds 25%). In this exceptional mobilization it is added 100 million euros from EU funds dedicated in the next two years to the integration of young people, particularly apprentices.

Unemployment seniors and the disabled

Manuel Valls announced that a specific action plan will be implemented by the Minister of Labour, because unemployment of more than 50 years increased by 10% :

3-JOB center will expand its enhanced support for it relates 270,000 job seekers particularly touched by unemployment. Insertion in employment contracts for hiring in the private sector, will focus on the elderly, the unemployed for long period and people with disabilities by 2015.

Purchasing Power

The Prime Minister announced that Arnaud Montebourg, Minister of Economy, will present a growth law and purchase that will allow to

recover economic growth, sustainable growth and job-creating power.

An Observatory of Remuneration will be established within the General Commission for the strategy, and to boost the purchasing power of households, the Prime Minister recalled the movement of lower taxes in the financial laws passed by Parliament:

3-Beginning this year, 3.7 million households will see their income tax cut down up to 700 euros. From 1 January 2015, a reduction of employee tax contributions will directly increase the net pay 5 million employees and more than two million employees concerned (Public sector).

Manuel Valls announced that these measures will be extended and perpetuated, and that the Finance Act 2015 can support of a reduction in tax household income of the middle class.

The Prime Minister also said on June 22 (Addressing militants Socialist Party in the Aube) defending the President of the Republic, and his commitment to implement the plan of reforms initiated by François Hollande since his election. "Yes, change, alter, start moving, this is the way that Leon Blum had shown us." This statement he cites Blum another figure of the Popular Front (1936) of another era, plunging in the history.

It was also the aim to calm the discontent of members slingers (Opponents to the government line, inside the same political party, the PS) and bring them to reason and rally them to his cause.

Meanwhile, the vision of the head of state is concerned can have been clarified, since recently turned towards modernity and future. Indeed, it is to note, a detail that probably reflects its importance, as this occasion, the French President has changed glasses, showcasing a new look, more serious and that augurs a new vision of his approach, unless it is also a way to be seen differently now. The previous transparent glasses were relegated for a pair in a conventional black plastic frame, a new mount, thicker, very trendy more likely to ride the wave of his time and have a more authoritarian style, less "normal." The key is that the Head of State sees clearer and better, without falling into the retinal blur.

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