



Kansallinen senioriliitto ry



## ESU CONFERENCE ON 14 NOVEMBER 2024 - PROGRAMME

### Joy of life and strength from senior activities

**VENUE:** Little Parliament, Visitors Centre, Arkadiankatu 3, F-entrance, Helsinki, Finland

**8:30 Security check** (passport or ID card needed) and **registration for the conference**

**Chairpersons** *Eija Alakangas and Risto Hämäläinen, members of ESU executive committee*

**9:00 Welcome addresses and opening of the conference**

*Paula Risikko, First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament in Finland*

*Stefaan Vercamer, President ESU*

*Kari Kantalainen, President of Kansallinen senioriliitto ry (National Senior's Union, Finland, NSU)*

**9:30 What is National Seniors' Union and its advocacy work**, *Executive Director Maarit Kuikka, Kansallinen senioriliitto, NSU*

**10:00 Coffee**

**10:30 Councils of older people and wellbeing services in Finland**, *Chief specialist Minna-Liisa Luoma, Services Unit, Department of Healthcare and Social Welfare, Finnish institute for Health and Welfare, THL*

**11:00 Promoting the well-being of older people in Finland and in Europe**, *Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of European Parliament*

**11:30 How life of older people has changed**, *Professor of gerontology and public health Taina Rantanen, University of Jyväskylä*

**12:00 Lunch**

**13:00 Digitalization of Europe - how to secure services for seniors**

*Patrick Penninckx, Secretary general, ESU*

**13:25 Video greetings from European Commissioner Suiza Dubravka**

**13:30 Round table discussions - Enhancing involvement, equality and value of older people in Europe**

Introduction to the topic, *Ombudsman for older people Päivi Topo*

Discussions moderated by *Päivi Topo*, *Panelists: Filip Hamro-Drotz, Svenska pensionärsförbundet SFP, Finland*  
*Heinz K. Becker, Austria and Patrick Penninckx, ESU*

**14:30 Closing words of the conference – Part 1**, *Leena Jääskeläinen and Stefaan Vercamer*

**14:50 End of programme – Part 1 at the Little Parliament**

Programme continues at Helsinki Central Library Oodi at Kansalaistori square, Töölönlahdenkatu 4

**Part 2 at Helsinki Central Library Oodi**

Chairperson Maarit Kuikka, NSU

**15:20 Pension system in Finland**, *Mikko Kautto, Managing Director, Finnish Centre for Pensions*

**15:50 Short presentation of Finland's history**, *Prof. Laura Kolbe, University of Helsinki*

**16:20 Coffee and end of the programme**

Conference language is English and there is interpreting from English to German. Please note that in Finland time is CET+1.

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