

***The Economic and Social Councils as promoters of
Social Dialogue in the European Union***

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Abstract:

The Economic and Social Councils (ESCs) are advisory institutions composed of members from NGO, trade unions, business and academia, which principal goal is to influence with their recommendations on socio-economic and labor public policies (state and provincial levels). The ESCs were established as a result of the social and economic effervescence caused by the two world wars of the early twentieth century and, specifically, the creation of a tripartite advisory council created in Weimar, Germany in 1919. This study aims to analyze different actions from the social and economic sectors represented in socio-economic councils of the European Union (France, Italy, Netherlands), as experiences of social dialogue.

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