

European Conference
Investing in people – the way forward
15-16 February 2018, Sofia (Tech Park of Sofia)
Republic of Bulgaria

Overall moderators: **Luk Zelderloo** and **Patrizia Brandellero**

Thursday, 15 February

08.30 – 09.30 **Transfer from hotels to the Conference Venue**
Registration

Welcome coffee

09.30 - 09.45 **Music and dance performance**

09.45 - 10.30 **Opening plenary remarks**

Tomislav Donchev (Deputy Prime Minister of the
Republic of Bulgaria)

Marianne Thyssen (Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs,
Skills and Labour Mobility)- video message

Jean Arthuis (Chair of the Committee on Budgets, European
Parliament)

10.30 – 11.30 **Keynote speech**

Kate Pickett & Richard G. Wilkinson (Authors of 'The Spirit Level:
Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better')

11.30 – 12.00 **Coffee break**

12.00 – 13.00 **Round-table debate**

Michel Servoz (Director-General for Employment, European
Commission)

Zornitsa Roussinova (Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, BG)

Thiébaut Weber (Confederal Secretary of ETUC)

Maxime Cerutti (BusinessEurope)

Kélig Puyet (Director of Social Platform)

Moderation: **Andriana Sukova** (Director for Investment, European
Commission)

13.00 - 14.15 **Lunch break**



14.15 – 16.15

Workshops Round I

WS1 Investing in policy reforms

Links with European Semester

The added value of the EU funds

Moderator: **Andrea Ciffolilli** (Ismeri Europa)

Speakers: **Irena Parvanova** (Head of MA, OP Good Governance)
Ángel García Frontelo (ESF MA, Spain)

WS2 Pathways to employment

Access to jobs and quality employment

Modernization of employment services and labor mobility

Moderators: **Massimiliano Mascherini** (Eurofound)

Speakers: **Zuzana Vaneckova** (European Youth Forum)
Fons Leroy (PES Belgium)

WS3 Social inclusion

Tackling poverty and deprivation

De-institutionalisation

Moderator: **Clotilde Clark-Foulquier** (Eurodiaconia)

Speakers: **Andreas Bartels** (AWO)
Mathilde Arnal (FEAD MA, FR)
Elena Kremenlieva (Ministry of Labour and Social
Policy, BG)
Sabina Sabeva (International Social Service Bulgaria
Foundation)
Laura Marchetti (Mental Health Europe)

WS4 Synergies and complementarities

How to harness synergies and complementarities between DG EMPL
Funds

Moderator: **Joyce Black** (Learning and Work Institute)

Speakers: **Tapani Kojonsaari** (Finnish managing authority for EGF)
Anthi Kritikou (Greek National Contact Point for EaSI)

16.15 – 16.45

Coffee break

16.45 – 17.30

Wrap-up – Day 1 workshops

Moderators answer several key questions in regard to the workshop
discussions

17:30 - 17:45

Closing remarks – Day 1

Vasil Velev (Bulgarian Industrial Capital Association)

17.45

Transfer to hotels

19.30

Departure for cultural programme and dinner

23.00

Transfer to hotels



Friday, 16 February

08.00 – 09.00 Transfer from hotels to the Conference Venue

Welcome coffee

09.00 – 09.30 Keynote speech

Alex Christopoulos (Deputy CEO of Lumos Foundation)

09.30 – 10.00 Plenary session

Andrey Novakov (Member of the European Parliament)

Plamen Dimitrov (Confederation of Independent Trade Unions in BG)

Detelina Smilkova (Bulgarian Association for People Management)

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee break

10:15 – 12:15 Workshops Round II

WS5 Learning and working beyond borders

The Equal experience

From experimentation to social innovation

Moderator: **Valentina Caimi** (AEIDL)

Speakers: **Toby Johnson** (AEIDL)

Ralf Saenger (IQ Network)

WS6 New ways of work

Future of work

Work/life balance

Moderator: **Maria Iglesias** (European Commission)

Speakers: **Liz Gosme** (COFACE)

Andrea Renda (Senior Research Fellow and Head of
Regulatory Policy at CEPS)

WS7 Education, training and skills

Tackling mismatches and anticipating skills (in line with upskilling
pathways initiative)

Linking education and work (dual learning)

Moderator: **Armelle Ledan** (AEIDL)

Speakers: **Brikena Xhomaqi** (Life-Long Learning)

Denitsa Sacheva (Deputy Minister for Education and
Science, BG)

WS 8 Performance results and partnership

How to achieve results-based implementation

Partnership for stronger results

Moderator: **Luca Santin** (AEIDL)

Speakers: **Louis Vervloet** (ESF-Agency Flanders)

Leda Stott (AEIDL)



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12.15 – 12.30

Coffee break

12:30 – 13:15

Wrap-up – Day 2 workshops

Moderators answer several key questions in regard to the workshop discussions

13:15 - 13:45

Closing remarks – Day 2

Biser Petkov (Minister of Labour and Social Policy, BG)

Zornitsa Roussinova (Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, BG)

Maria Tussy (CEEP and ONCE Foundation)

Ulrike Neufang (Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and
Consumer Protection, Austria)

Andriana Sukova (Director for Investment, European Commission)

13.45 – 14.30

Lunch and Networking

14.30

Transfer to the Airport/Hotels

