



Agenda for the High-Level Conference FUTURE OF WORK: A Lifecycle Approach

National Palace of Culture - Congress Centre Sofia (NDK), Hall 3
21-22 March 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

21 March 2018

12:00 Registration

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:10 Opening

13:30 – 13:40 Opening show

13:40 – 13:50 Keynote speech

Mr Svetlin Nakov, co-founder and CEO, Software University (SoftUni), Bulgaria

13:50 – 14:00

Mr Peter Vesterbacka, Brand Manager, Educational gaming company, Lightneer, former Marketing Director of Rovio (Angry Birds) (tbc)

14:00 – 14:05

Ms Marianne Thyssen, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission (video message)

14:05 – 14:10

Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organisation (ILO) (video message)

14:10 – 15:50 First session: The future of work and demographic challenges

Moderator: *Mr Christian Bodewig, Program Leader for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank*

14:10 – 14:20

Population ageing, future dependency rates and implications for employment

Ms Claire Harasty, Senior Employment Specialist, ILO

- 14:20 – 14:30 **Presentation**
Ms Eva Maydell, Member of the European Parliament
- 14:30 – 14:40 **Towards a healthy and active working society**
Dr Christa Sedlatschek, Director, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
- 14:40 – 14:50 **Severe labour exploitation: workers moving within or into the European Union**
Ms Joanna Goodey, Head of Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- 14:50 – 15:50 **Interactive session – speakers and panellists:**
- Mr Jacek Krawczyk, President of the Employers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee
 - Mr Thiébaud Weber, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
 - Ms Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director, Social Affairs Department, BusinessEurope
 - Mr Ingus Alliks, State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia
- Q&A
- 15:50 – 16:20** Coffee break
- 16:20 – 18:00** **Second session: Development of practical knowledge and skills from an early age**
Moderator: *Ms Deepa Grover, Senior Advisor - Early Childhood Development, UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia*
- 16:20 – 16:30 **Social origins and destinations: The role of education, skills and caregiver engagement from an early age**
Ms Nina Arnhold, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank
- 16:30 – 16:40 **Sharing of Bulgaria's experience in the field of early childhood development**
Ms Yordanka Fandakova, Mayor of Sofia Municipality, Bulgaria
- 16:40 – 16:50 **Early childhood policies and public investment in the context of the future of work: What role for the EU**
Ms Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild
- 16:50 – 17:00 **Building the foundations of future prosperity: Investing in early childhood development**
Prof Frank Oberklaid, University of Melbourne, Consultant to UNICEF
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Interactive session – speakers and panellists:**
- Mr Rait Kuuse, Vice-Chair, Social Protection Committee
 - Dr Elena Kabakchieva, Chair, Health and Social Development

Foundation, Bulgaria
Q&A

20:00 – 22:00 Official dinner at Sofia Hotel Balkan

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09:00 – 09:10 Keynote speech on the impact of digitalisation on the labour market

Ms Andriana Sukova -Tosheva, Deputy Director-General, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission DG

09:10 – 11:00 Third session: The right skills for new jobs and the impact of digitalisation and automation on the labour market

Moderator: *Ms Andriana Sukova -Tosheva, Deputy Director-General, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission DG*

09:10 – 09:20 Skills and jobs tendencies at EU level

Mr Konstantinos Pouliakas, Department for Skills and Labour Market, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

09:20 – 09:30 Future of work – acquiring appropriate knowledge and skills to meet the needs of the jobs of the future

Dr Milena Angelova, Vice-President of the Employers' Group, European Economic and Social Committee, Tatjana Babrauskiene

09:30 – 09:40 Better matching of the skills of job-seekers with the needs of employers

Mr Fons Leroy, Chair of the European Network of Public Employment Services

09:40 – 09:50 Transformation, transitions and employee empowerment

Mr David N. Barnes, Vice President Global Workforce Policy, IBM

09:50 – 10:00 Artificial intelligence and the future of jobs and work
Dr Matthias Sachs, Senior Corporate Affairs Manager, Microsoft

10:00 – 11:00 *Interactive session – speakers and panellists:*

- Employers' organisations at national level
- Ms Vania Georgieva, Confederation of Labour „Podkrepa“, Bulgaria
- Dr Inge Friehs, Austrian Public Employment Service

Q&A

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30 Fourth session: New forms of work: Fair working conditions and adequate social protection

Moderator: *Ms Zornitsa Roussinova, Deputy Minister for Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria*

- 11:30 – 11:40** **Transparent and predictable working conditions**
Mr Stefan Olsson, Director for Employment, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- 11:40 – 11:50** **Non-standard employment: Opportunities and challenges for the future of work**
Ms Janine Berg, Senior Economist, ILO
- 11:50 – 12:00** **Different dimensions of job quality**
Ms Barbara Gerstenberger, Head of Unit for Working Life, Eurofound
- 12:00 – 12:10** **Gender equality and the digital world**
Jolanta Reingarde, PhD, Senior Researcher, European Institute for Gender Equality
- 12:10 – 12:20** **The four-day workweek: An example of labour market innovation**
Mr Jerzy Ciechanski, Representative of the European Social Cohesion Platform, Council of Europe
- 12:20 – 13:20** **Interactive session – speakers and panellists:**
- Employers' organisations at national level
 - Mr Plamen Dimitrov, President of CITUB, Bulgaria
 - Ms Irene Wennemo, State Secretary to the Minister for Employment and Integration, Sweden
- Q&A
- 13:20 – 13:40** **Summing up**
Moderators of all panels
- 13:40 – 14:00** **Closing remarks**
- Mr Tomislav Donchev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria*
- Ms Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, European Commission*
- Dr Biser Petkov, Minister for Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria*
- 14:00** **Lunch**