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**STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE**  
**in connection with the EU-Western Balkans Ministerial meeting**  
**on employment and social affairs**

**13 June 2019, Luxembourg**  
**Venue: Hotel ‘DoubleTree by Hilton Luxembourg’**

Draft Agenda as of 7 June 2019

9:00 – 9:30    **Opening remarks**

*Joost Korte*, Director-General, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

*Christian Danielsson*, Director-General, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

*Adrian Marius Rindunica*, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Justice, Romania

9:30 – 10:45    **Launching the annual EU-Western Balkans Ministerial meeting on employment and social affairs: exchange with stakeholders on shared diagnostic and way forward**

Chair: *Joost Korte*, Director-General, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Speakers:

Representatives (governments) of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia

Reactions from the audience

10:45 – 11:15    *Coffee break*

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\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

11:15 – 12:30 **Civil society's suggestions, expectations and contributions to social policy development in the Western Balkans**

Chair: *Jordi Curell*, Director for Labour Mobility, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Speakers:

*Žarko Šunderić*, Director, Center for Social Policy (Belgrade) and Member of the regional initiative 'The future of the welfare state in the Western Balkans'

*Nikica Mojsoska Blazevski*, CEO, Macedonia2025

*Amar Numanovic*, Member of the labour market experts' network of the European Center of Expertise (ECE)

*Nicole Farnsworth*, Program Director, Kosovo Women's Network

*Gordan Velez*, Country Director ArbeiterSamariterBund (ASB) Serbia and coordinator of the regional ASB Social Dimension Initiative

*Dragica Martinović Džamonja*, President of the Western Balkans Follow-up Committee of the European Economic and Social Council

Reactions from the audience

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:15 **The contribution of Social Partners to increasing employment and promoting skills development**

Chair: *Markus Pilgrim*, Director, International Labour Organisation (ILO) Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Central and Eastern Europe, Budapest

Speakers:

*Anisa Subashi*, Deputy President of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Albania (KSSH) and Director of the Trade Unions' Center for Training and Research

*Avni Ajdini*, President of the Union of Independent Trade Unions of Kosovo (BSPK)

*Dusko Vukovic*, Vice-President of the Council of the Confederation of Autonomous Trade Unions of Serbia (CATUS)

*Milos Nenezic*, President of the Serbian Association of Employers

*Svetlana Ristovska –Antikj*, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Employers, North Macedonia

*Safet Gërzhaliu*, Kosovo Chamber of Commerce

Reactions from:

*Liina Carr*, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

*Jessie Fernandes*, Social Affairs Department, BusinessEurope

Reactions from the audience

15:15 – 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 – 16:45 **Investing in employment and the social sector: an EU and Western Balkans perspective**

Chair: *Genoveva Ruiz Calavera*, Director Western Balkans, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

Speakers:

*Majlinda Bregu*, Secretary-General, Regional Cooperation Council

*Anastasia Fetsi*, Head of Operations Department, European Training Foundation

*Ana Majko*, Executive Director, Initiative for Social Change ARSIS, Albania

*Ivana Vujović*, NGO Juventas, Montenegro

*Rudi Delarue*, Deputy Head of Unit and Senior Expert, International Issues Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Reactions from the audience

16:45 – 17:00 **Conclusions**

*Joost Korte*, Director-General, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

17:00 Closure