



Employment and Social Affairs Platform 2 – ESAP 2

Tackling Undeclared Work in the Western Balkans through Structured Regional Cooperation: 2nd Plenary meeting

Regional online meeting

17 November 2020

Introduction

The Employment and Social Affairs Platform 2 project aims to support regional cooperation among the Western Balkan economies in transforming undeclared work into declared work, pursuing a holistic integrated strategic approach, akin to that of the EU.

Objectives

The 2nd Plenary meeting will bring together representatives of Ministries of Labour, Labour Inspections and Tax Authorities from the 6 Western Balkan economies to discuss the activities undertaken until now on ESAP II and review the future work programme.

A session will be held on preventative measures to tackle undeclared work. The aim is for Western Balkan economies to learn from each other about preventative approaches being used to tackle undeclared work. A short **background paper** is attached outlining different types of preventative measure that could be discussed.

Through short presentations of specific preventative policy measures undertaken by Western Balkan authorities, the aim is to answer the following question:

“What preventative measures have been implemented that might be transferable to other Western Balkan contexts?”

Draft Agenda

Friday, 17 November 2020

10.00 – 10.15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Nand Shani, ESAP 2 Team Leader, RCC

Minutes of 1st plenary meeting

10.15 – 11.45 Preventative measures for tackling undeclared work

Background Paper

Introduction - Prof. Colin Williams, international expert on undeclared work, RCC

Presentations by authorities

Question and answers

11.50 – 12.05 Report on activities undertaken on ESAP II

- Study on COVID-19 and undeclared work: impacts, challenges & policy responses
- Developing a holistic strategic integrated approach for tackling undeclared work – thematic review workshop outputs
- Self-Assessment Questionnaire for Mutual Assistance Projects (MAPs)
- ILO activities

Questions and Answers

12.05 – 12.20 ESAP II Work Programme planning

Working Group: rethinking the future objectives, roles & competencies of inspectorates and inspectors

Study 2: social partner involvement

Mutual Assistance Projects - volunteers

Mr. Nand Shani, ESAP 2 Team Leader, RCC

12.20 – 12.30 Conclusions and Next Steps

Mr. Nand Shani, ESAP 2 Team Leader, RCC