

Employment and Social Affairs Platform 2 – ESAP 2

Improving Social Partner Involvement in Tackling Undeclared Work

Regional online meeting

16 April 2021

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 aim of the Plenary Meeting to be held on 16 April 2021 is to bring together representatives of Ministries of Labour, Labour Inspections and Tax Authorities from the 6 Western Balkan economies to discuss the activities completed in 2020, outline the 2021 work programme and rethink the future objectives, roles and competencies of inspectorates and inspectors report.

A session will be held on thematic review workshop outputs, preventative approaches towards undeclared work, the future objectives, roles and competencies of inspectorates and inspectors, good practice fiches and self-Assessment questionnaire for Mutual Assistance Projects (MAPs).

Agenda
16 April 2020

10.00 – 10.10 Welcome and Opening Remarks

RCC, Employment and Social Affairs Platform 2 Project representative

10.10 – 10.20 Recent EU initiatives in the employment area

Mr. Bernd Wild, International Issues, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

10.20 – 10.35 ESAP II activities: ILO report

Ms. Ada Huibregtse, ILO ESAP 2 Team Leader

10.35 – 10.50 ESAP II activities: RCC report

- Minutes of 2nd Plenary meeting
- Developing a holistic strategic integrated approach for tackling undeclared work – thematic review workshop outputs
- Preventative approaches towards undeclared work - seminar outputs
- Rethinking the future objectives, roles and competencies of inspectorates and inspectors report
- Good practice fiches
- Self-Assessment Questionnaire for Mutual Assistance Projects (MAPs)

Questions and Answers

10.50 – 11.20 An Introduction to Mutual Assistance Projects (MAPs)

Mutual Assistance Projects (MAP) - *Colin Williams*

Presentations from past participants in MAPs – *by various inspectors from EU*

Questions and Answers

Next Steps

11.20 – 12.20 Thematic Discussion: Rethinking the future objectives, roles and competencies of inspectorates and inspectors

The aim is to discuss the future objectives, roles and competencies of inspectorates and inspectors. The intention is for the participants from the six Western Balkan economies to engage in mutual learning from each other's experiences about what works and what does not.

Introduction to the Report – *Colin Williams* [3-4 minutes]

Presentations by WB6 inspectorates on the following issues:

- Given the wider shift towards a greater advisory role of inspections/audits, what new attributes, competencies and skills are required by inspectors? What are the challenges? How can they be overcome?
- How can the functions of (i) communications and (ii) data analysis be further developed in your inspectorate? Are specialist staff (marketing staff, data analysts) the way forward? What are the challenges involved in doing this? Is there an alternative way forward?
- What implications does more use of data mining have for inspectors' competencies, skills and knowledge? What are the challenges? How can they be overcome?
- What can an inspectorate do to be an attractive employer and retain staff?

12.20 – 12.40 **Work programme 2021**

Outline of 2021 work programme

Discussion, Questions and Answers

12.40 – 12.50 **Conclusions and Next Steps**