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## Employment and Social Affairs Platform

### Tripartite Workshop on Employment Policy Design in the Western Balkans

Tirana, 10 – 11 October 2017

| Agenda  |  |
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| Time  | Session  |
| Monday, 9 October – Arrival of participants to Hotel Tirana International |  |
| Tuesday, 10 October – Day One   |  |
| 9.00 – 9:30   | Registration of participants   |
| 9:30 – 9:45   | <p><b>Welcome to the workshop</b><br/> <i>Ms Daniela Zampini, Senior Employment Specialist, ILO</i></p> <p><b>Designing Effective Employment Policies – context and objective of the workshop</b><br/> <i>Ms Susanne M. Nielsen, Chief Technical Advisor and Team Leader for ILO ESAP, ILO</i></p>   |
| 9:45 – 10:15  | <p><b>Employment Policies in the context of the Economic Reform Programmes process in the Western Balkans</b><br/> <i>Mr Kiril Kiryakov, International Policy Officer, DG Employment, Social Affairs &amp; Inclusion, European Commission</i></p>  |
| 10:15 – 10:45   | <p><b>Macroeconomic policies, jobs, and inclusive growth</b><br/>           - Pro-employment macroeconomic policy frameworks: Background, overview and key policy elements.<br/> <i>Ms Daniela Zampini, Senior Employment Specialist, ILO</i></p>  |
| 10:45 – 11:20   | <p><b>SME support for growth and job creation in the Western Balkans</b><br/>           - New trends in SME policies and its enabling environment.<br/>           - The way to value chain development.<br/> <i>Mr Farid Hegazy, Global Coordinator/Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprises, ILO</i></p>  |
| 11:20 – 11:45 Coffee break  |  |
| 11:45 – 13:00   | <p><b>Ensuring social dialogue in the policy making process - Tripartite panel discussion</b><br/> <b>Viewpoints and needs in employment policy design</b></p> <p>- <i>Ms Edina Dešić, General Director, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Montenegro.</i></p> <p>- <i>Mr Kol Nikollaj, President, Confederation of Trade Unions, Albania.</i></p> <p>- <i>Mr Saša Ačić, Director, Association of Employers, Republika Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated by Ms Susanne M. Nielsen</i></p> |
| 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch   |  |

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| 14:00 – 15:00                                       | <b>Labour market data – how to read it and how to use it ?</b><br>- Presentation and plenum exercise on how labour market data can be (mis)understood<br><br><i>Ms Daniela Zampini</i>   |
| 15:00 – 16:00                                       | <b>From analyzing the employment situation to setting policy priorities</b><br><br>- Introduction to analysis techniques to describe the economic situation and identification of priority problems.<br>- Introduction to the afternoon's group work.<br><br><i>Ms Daniela Zampini</i> |
| <b>Coffee will be served in the conference room</b> |  |
| 16:00 – 16:45 –                                     | <b>Analyzing the employment situation to setting policy priorities</b><br><br><b>Group work</b> on analysis techniques to describe the economic situation and identification of priority problems.<br><br><i>Facilitated by Ms Daniela Zampini</i>                                     |
| 16:45 – 17:00                                       | <b>End of Day One</b><br><br><i>Ms Daniela Zampini and Susanne M. Nielsen</i>  |
| <b>19:30 Dinner</b>                                 |  |
| <b>Wednesday, 11 October – Day Two</b>              |  |
| 9:00 – 9:15   | <b>Welcome to Day Two</b><br><br><i>Ms Susanne M. Nielsen</i>  |
| 9:15 – 10:00  | <b>Placing skills at the centre – skills as investment and growth enabler</b><br><br><i>Ms Cristina Mereuta, Labour Market Specialist, European Training Foundation</i>  |
| 10:00 – 11:00                                       | <b>Tackling the skills gap in the labour market</b><br><br><b>Group discussions</b> relating to the Economic Reform Programmes and the recommendations<br><br><i>Facilitated by Ms Cristina Mereuta and Ms Susanne M. Nielsen</i>  |
| <b>11:00 – 11:20 Coffee break</b>                   |  |
| 11:20 – 11:45                                       | <b>The new momentum for employment policies</b><br>- Revisiting the ILO's comprehensive approach to employment policy design<br><br><b>Questions &amp; Answers</b><br><br><i>Facilitated by Ms Susanne M. Nielsen</i>  |
| 11:45 – 12:00                                       | <b>End of seminar – wrap up</b><br>- Conclusions and related activities in the ESAP Actions<br><br><i>Ms Daniela Zampini and Ms Susanne M. Nielsen</i>   |
| <b>Lunch and departure of participants</b>          |  |