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High Level Sub-Regional Conference on Economic and Social Councils peer reviews in the Western Balkans

5 – 6 July 2017, Belgrade, Serbia

Hotel Hyatt

Tuesday, 4 July 2017

Arrival of Participants to Belgrade

Wednesday, 5 July 2017

9:00 – 9:30 **Registration of participants**

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome opening**

Zoran Djordjevic, Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs

Antonio Graziosi, Director ILO DWT/CO-Budapest for CEE

Kiril Kiryakov, International Policy Officer, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission

Introduction of the objective and programme of the conference

Ms. Susanne M. Nielsen, Chief Technical Advisor, ILO

10:00 – 11:00 **Economic and Social Councils in the Western Balkans –**

10 minutes presentations of each council based on the peer review visits

Albania ESC – presented by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ESC

Bosnia and Herzegovina (ESC of the Federation of BiH) – presented by Montenegro ESC

Bosnia and Herzegovina (ESC of Republika Srpska) – presented by Serbia ESC

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ESC – presented by Albania ESC

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:00 **Economic and Social Councils in the Western Balkans**

10 minutes presentations of each council based on the peer review visits

Kosovo* ESC – presented by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ESC

Montenegro ESC – presented by Bosnia and Herzegovina (ESC of the Federation of BiH)

Serbia ESC – presented by Bosnia and Herzegovina (ESC of Republika Srpska)

12:00 – 13:15 **Inspiring practices from EU member states**

Poland: National Social Dialogue Council, *Ms Agata Oklinska, Deputy Director, Social Dialogue and Social Partnership Department, Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy*

Denmark: The National Employment Council, Mr. Joergen Bang-Petersen, Chief Advisor, Confederation of Danish Employers

Portugal: Economic and Social Council, Ms Catarina Braga, Senior Expert, ILO Portugal.

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 Closing the gap: challenges and possible ways to overcome them

Comparative overview and discussion of recommendations

Kieran Mulvey, International Consultant

Cristina Mihes, Senior Specialist in Social Dialogue and Labour Law, ILO

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:15 The place of Economic and Social Councils in the future of social dialogue

Youcef Ghellab, Head of Unit Social Dialogue, ILO Geneva

20:00 Dinner at Kalemegdanska Terasa

Thursday, 6 July 2017

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome to Day Two

Cristina Mihes

9:15 – 10:15 Presentation of selected recommendations to be implemented by the ESCs

Representatives of the ESCs

10:15 – 11:00 Comments to the draft Consolidated report

Working group session with ESCs

Facilitated by Kieran Mulvey, Susanne Nielsen, Cristina Mihes and ILO National Coordinators

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break (served in the conference room)

11:15 – 12:15 Planning for capacity building activities

Working group session with ESCs

Facilitated by Kieran Mulvey, Susanne Nielsen, Cristina Mihes and ILO National Coordinators

12:15 – 12:45 Conclusions and next steps

*Susanne M. Nielsen,
Cristina Mihes.*

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch