



Employment and Social Affairs Platform (ESAP)

**High-level Regional Meeting for
Labour Inspectorates in the Western Balkans**

27 – 28 March 2019

Tirana



Purpose of the meeting

1. Share results of the LI Campaigns
2. Share experiences of LI involvement in detecting undeclared work
3. Establish formal Network of LIs in the WBs
4. Presentation of the planned activities under ESAP2.



Agenda – Day 1



1. **Results and lessons learned** from implementation of labour inspection campaigns – **Albania, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina**
2. **Transition from informality to formality** – the ILO approach
3. **Bosnia and Herzegovina** - Tackling informality through social partnership
4. **Republic of North Macedonia** - National Action Plan
5. Integrating the Western Balkans into the **EU Labour Inspection networks**
6. **Signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding**



Agenda – Day 2



- 1. Informal employment and undeclared work in the Western Balkans**
- 2. Serbia** – experiences in tackling undeclared work
- 3. Bosnia and Herzegovina** – experiences in tackling undeclared work
- 4. Looking into the future** – continuation of ESAP



ESAP 2



‘Employment and Social Affairs Platform’ project continuation - expectations:

1. Start in November 2019 – run for 3 years.
2. Jointly implemented by ILO and RCC.
 1. Overall budget 5 MEUR.



Components - Objectives



Component 1 – Informal Employment and Undeclared work

Improved policies for tackling undeclared work through by use of holistic approaches

Component 2 – Labour Inspection

Increased outreach of Labour Inspectorates to prevent and combat undeclared work



Component 1



R1: Establishment of a Western Balkan Network Tackling Undeclared work Link to the Western Balkan Network of Labour Inspectorates

- ✓ Consultations with WB6 on the mandate and objectives for the Network.
- ✓ WB6 to select members including MoL, Labour inspectorates, Tax administrations, PES and SP.
- ✓ Biannual regular network meetings, workshops and seminars.



Component 1



R2: Implementation of a holistic approach to **innovative policy development** through **mutual assistance projects**.

- ✓ Provision of assistance to implement selected recommendations for transition from informality to formality.
- ✓ Organise national seminars and regional thematic workshop.

R3: Improved evidence through **testing different interventions** combatting informality.

- ✓ WB6 to select intervention packages – pilot projects.
- ✓ Establish baseline surveys before testing.
- ✓ Implement in cooperation with relevant actors.
- ✓ Conduct follow up survey.
- ✓ Disseminate results and facilitate policy dialogue on informal employment and undeclared work, including in ESCs.



Component 1



R4: Improved availability and quality of data on informal employment in WB6

- ✓ Train and advice statistical offices and MoL on collecting and processing data on informality – which will include cooperation with Labour Inspectorates