

Extraordinary meeting of the Employers' Group

"Bridging the skills gap for growth and job creation – business perspective"

22 March 2018

The Governmental Residence in Boyana (Sofia), Bulgaria

Programme

Interpretation: EN - BG - FR

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Welcome coffee |
| 09.30 – 09.50 | <p>Welcome address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jacek KRAWCZYK, President, EESC Employers' Group, Poland • Mr Bojidar DANEV, President in rotation of the Association of the organizations of the Bulgarian Employers, President of the Bulgarian Industrial Association, Vice-President of BusinessEurope, Member of the EESC Employers' Group |
| 09.50 – 10.45 | High-level opening session |
| 09.50 – 10.10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome address by Mrs Lilyana PAVLOVA, Minister for the Presidency |
| 10.10 – 10.30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening speech by Mrs Iliana IOTOVA, Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hassan ADEMOV, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on labour, social and demographic policies |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | Coffee break |

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| <p>11.00 – 12.45</p> | <p>Panel 1 – <i>Skills challenges in the knowledge-based economy</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr James CALLEJA, Director European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) • Mrs Vladimíra DRBALOVÁ, Member of the EESC Employers' Group, Director of the Department of International Organisations and European Affairs, Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic (SPČR) • Mr Thomas MAYR, Head of IBW (Institut für Bildungsforschung der Wirtschaft), Austrian Economic Chambers • Mrs Ivana RADOMIROVA, Executive Director of the Union of brewers in Bulgaria • Dr Tomcho TOMOV, Head of the National Centre for Assessment of Competence with the Bulgarian Industrial Chamber <p>Moderator: Mr. Rumen RADEV, Economic Director of Holding Zagora Ltd., Vice-chairman of the Governing Board of BICA</p> <p>Q&A session</p> |
| <p>12.45 – 14.15</p> | <p>Networking lunch</p> |
| <p>14.15 – 16.00</p> | <p>Panel 2 – <i>How to overcome the imbalance between supply and demand on the labour market?</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Arnaldo ABRUZZINI, Chief Executive Officer of EUROCHAMBRES • Dr Barbara DORN, Head of the Education and Training department, Confederation of German Employers' Associations BDA • Mr Michael MORIARTY, President of the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE) • Mr Sergej SHARDIN, dipl. eng. ,Managing Director ATM Electronics Ltd <p>Moderator: Mrs Jana VELICHKOVA, Executive Director of the Bulgarian Soft Drinks Association</p> <p>Q&A session</p> |
| <p>16.00 -16.30</p> | <p>Keynote speech Mrs Zornitsa RUSINOVA Deputy Minister for Labour and Social Policy</p> |
| <p>16.30 – 17.00</p> | <p>Concluding remarks Mrs Christa SCHWENG, president-elect of the Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC), Member of the EESC Employers' Group</p> |