



European Conference
Investing in people – the way forward
15-16 February 2018, Sofia (Tech Park of Sofia)
Republic of Bulgaria
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Thursday, 15 February

08.30 – 09.30 **Transfer from hotels to the Conference Venue**
Registration
Welcome coffee

09.30 – 09.45 **Music and dance performance**

09.45 – 10.30 **Opening plenary remarks**

10.30 – 11.30 **Keynote speech**

11.30 – 12.00 **Coffee break**

12.00 – 13.00 **Round table debate**
Policy context: White paper on the Future of Europe, Pillar of Social Rights, MFF negotiations
Policy challenges in the area of human capital: major trends and projections for post 2020
60 years of ESF: 60 years of success

13.00 – 14.15 **Lunch break**

14.15 – 16.15 **Workshops Round I**
WS1 Investing in policy reforms
Links with European Semester
The added value of the EU funds

WS2 Pathways to employment
Access to jobs and quality employment
Modernization of employment services and labor mobility

WS3 Social inclusion
Tackling poverty and deprivation
De-institutionalisation



WS4 Synergies and complementarities

How to harness synergies with EGF and EaSI

Complementarities between EMPL funds/programs and other HCF
Funds(Erasmus+, Citizenship, AMIF)

16.15– 16.45

Coffee break

16.45 – 17.45

Wrap-up Day 1 Workshops

Moderators and Rapporteurs answer several key questions in regards
to the discussions in the Workshops

17.45

Transfer to hotels

19.30

Departure for cultural program and dinner

23.00

Transfer to hotels



Friday, 16 February

- 08.00 – 09.00** **Transfer from hotels to the Conference Venue**
Welcome coffee
- 09.00 – 09.30** **Keynote speech**
- 09.30 – 10.00** **Plenary session**
- 10.00 – 10.15** **Coffee break**
- 10:15 – 12:15** **Workshops Round II**
WS5 Learning and working beyond borders
The Equal experience
From experimentation to social innovation
WS6 New ways of work
Future of work
Work/life balance
WS7 Education, training and skills
Tackling mismatches and anticipating skills (in line with upskilling
pathways initiative)
Linking education and work (dual learning)
WS 8 Performance results and partnership
How to achieve results-based implementation
Partnership for stronger results
- 12.15 – 12.30** **Coffee break**
- 12:30 – 13:00** **Wrap-up Day 2 Workshops**
Moderators and Rapporteurs answer several key questions in regards to
the discussions in the Workshops
- 13:00 - 13:30** **Closing remarks**
- 13.30 – 14.30** **Lunch and Networking**
- 14.30** **Transfer to the Airport/Hotels**