

## Kick-Off Conference Employment and Social Affairs Platform

29 June 2016

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**Wednesday, 29 June 2016**

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*Venue: Hotel Bristol, Banja Luka room*

09.00 – 09.30 **Registration of the Participants**

09.30 – 10.00 **Official Opening of the ESAP Kick-Off Conference**

- Goran Svilanovic, Secretary General, RCC (10')
- Antonio Graziosi, Director, Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Central and Eastern Europe, ILO (10')
- Thomas Bender, Head of Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion (10')

10.00 – 10.30 **Brief Presentation of ESAP**

- Vanja Ivošević, Senior Expert on Smart Growth, RCC (10')
- Cristina Mihes, Senior Specialist, Social Dialogue and Labour Law, ILO (10')

*Chair: Kiril Kiryakov, International Policy Officer, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion*

10.30 – 11.00 **Press opportunity and coffee break**

11.00 – 13.00 **High level policy discussion**

11.00 – 12.00 **Panel 1: Fostering youth employment - a main challenge and important opportunity for the future**

- H.E. Arban Abrashi, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare
- Mr. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
- Ms. Edina Dešić, General Director, Directorate for Labour Market and Employment, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

*Moderator: Mr. Nenad Sebek, RCC Spokesperson*

12.00 – 13.00 **Panel 2: Better labor market governance - a shared responsibility**

- Mr. Damir Dizdarević, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Civil Affairs
- Ms. Ljiljana Džuver, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy
- Ms. Etleva Gjelaj, Head of LM Information Directorate, National Employment Service
- Mrs Suzana Radulović, Secretary General, Employers' Union
- Mr Zhivko Mitrevski, President, Federation of Trade Unions

*Moderator: Mr. Antonio Graziosi, Director, Decent Work Technical Support Team and Country Office for Central and Eastern Europe, ILO*

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

14.30 – 15.30 **Breakout sessions moderated by RCC and ILO**

*The aim of the breakout sessions is to discuss the project at an operation level with the appointed ESAP contact points and to agree on the work plan for the first year of the project.*

*Coffee will be served during the breakout sessions.*

*Venues: RCC - Banja Luka room*

*ILO - Tuzla room*

#### 15.30 – 17.00 **Synergies between ESAP and other initiatives in the field of Employment and Social Affairs**

- “Promoting Inclusive Labour Market Solutions in the Western Balkans”, George Bouma, Team Leader: Sustainable Development Cluster, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub for Europe and the CIS and Mauricio Dierckxsens, Employment Specialist, ILO (10’)
- World Bank Platform on Employment, Johannes Koettl, Senior Economist, Social Protection & Labor Unit, World Bank (5’)
- OECD Policy Tools for for Inclusive Policy Making, Alexandre Kolev, Head of Social Cohesion Unit, OECD (5’)
- Roma Integration 2020 Initiative, Orhan Usein, Team Leader, RCC (5’)
- Education and the world of work, Tina Saric, Director, ERI SEE (5’)
- Creating jobs through entrepreneurship, Thomas Farnell, Entrepreneurial Learning Expert, SEECEL (5’)
- Vocational Education and Training and the Labour Market in the Western Balkans, Ulrike Damyantovich, Senior VET Specialist, European Training Foundation (5’)
- Graduate employability in the Western Balkans, Western Balkans Platform on Education and Training, Helene Skikos, Policy Officer, DG for Education and Culture (5’)

*Chair: Nand Shani, ESAP Team Leader, RCC and Susanne Nielsen, Chief Technical Advisor, ILO*

#### 17.00 – 17.30 **Outcomes of the breakout sessions, Conclusions and the next steps**

- Vanja Ivošević, Senior Expert on Smart Growth, RCC (10’)
- Cristina Mihes, Senior Specialist, Social Dialogue and Labour Law, ILO (10’)

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