



Agenda for the High-Level Conference FUTURE OF WORK: A Lifecycle Approach

National Palace of Culture - Congress Centre Sofia (NDK), Hall 3
21-22 March 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

21 March 2018

- 11:30 Transfer from Hotel Ramada / Hotel Coop to the National Palace of Culture
- 12:00 Registration
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:10 Opening**
- 13:30 – 13:40 Opening show*
- 13:40 – 13:50 Keynote speech*
Mr Svetlin Nakov, co-founder and CEO, Software University (SoftUni), Bulgaria
- 13:50 – 14:00 Ms Yordanka Fandakova, Mayor of Sofia Municipality, Bulgaria*
- 14:00 – 14:05 Ms Marianne Thyssen, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission (video message)*
- 14:05 – 14:10 Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organisation (video message)*
- 14:10 – 15:50 First session: The future of work and demographic challenges**
***Moderator:* Mr Christian Bodewig, Program Leader for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank**
- 14:10 – 14:20 **Population ageing, future dependency rates and implications for employment**
Ms Claire Harasty, Senior Employment Specialist, ILO
- 14:20 – 14:30 **The Future of Work - Skills, Skills, Skills**
Ms Eva Maydell, Member of the European Parliament

14:30 – 14:40	Towards a healthy and active working society <i>Dr Christa Sedlatschek, Director, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work</i>
14:40 – 14:50	Severe labour exploitation: workers moving within or into the European Union <i>Ms Joanna Goodey, Head of Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights</i>
14:50 – 15:50	<i>Interactive session</i> – speakers and panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jacek Krawczyk, President of the Employers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) • Mr Thiébaud Weber, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) • Ms Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director, Social Affairs Department, BusinessEurope • Mr Ingus Alliks, State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia Q&A
15:50 – 16:20	Coffee break
16:20 – 18:00	Second session: Development of practical knowledge and skills from an early age <i>Moderator:</i> <i>Ms Deepa Grover, Senior Advisor - Early Childhood Development, UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia</i>
16:20 – 16:30	Social origins and destinations: The role of education, skills and caregiver engagement from an early age <i>Ms Nina Arnhold, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank</i>
16:30 – 16:40	Sharing of Bulgaria's experience in the field of early childhood development <i>Ms Rositsa Dimitrova, Deputy Minister for Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria</i>
16:40 – 16:50	Early childhood policies and public investment in the context of the future of work: What role for the EU <i>Ms Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild</i>
16:50 – 17:00	Building the foundations of future prosperity: Investing in early childhood development <i>Prof Frank Oberklaid, University of Melbourne, Consultant to UNICEF</i>
17:00 – 18:00	<i>Interactive session</i> – speakers and panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rait Kuuse, Vice-Chair, Social Protection Committee • Dr Elena Kabakchieva, Chair, Health and Social Development Foundation, Bulgaria Q&A
18:00	Transfer to Hotel Ramada / Hotel Coop

19:30 Transfer from Hotel Ramada / Hotel Coop to Sofia Hotel Balkan

20:00 – 22:00 Official dinner at Sofia Hotel Balkan, Royal Hall

22:00 Transfer to Hotel Ramada / Hotel Coop

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08:00 Transfer from Hotel Ramada / Hotel Coop to the National Palace of Culture

09:00 – 09:10 Keynote speech on the impact of digitalisation on the labour market

Ms Andriana Sukova, Deputy Director-General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

09:10 – 11:00 Third session: The right skills for new jobs and the impact of digitalisation and automation on the labour market

Moderator: *Ms Andriana Sukova, Deputy Director-General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission*

09:10 – 09:20 **Skills and jobs tendencies at EU level**

Mr Konstantinos Pouliakas, Department for Skills and Labour Market, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

09:20 – 09:30 **Future of work – acquiring appropriate knowledge and skills to meet the needs of the jobs of the future**

Dr Milena Angelova and Ms Tatjana Babrauskiene, European Economic and Social Committee

09:30 – 09:40 **Better matching of the skills of job-seekers with the needs of employers**

Mr Fons Leroy, Chair of the European Network of Public Employment Services

09:40 – 09:50 **Transformation, transitions and employee empowerment**

Mr David N. Barnes, Vice President Global Workforce Policy, IBM

09:50 – 10:00 **Artificial intelligence and the future of jobs and work**

Dr Matthias Sachs, Senior Corporate Affairs Manager, Microsoft

10:00 – 11:00 ***Interactive session – speakers and panellists:***

- Mr Asen Angelov, Bulgarian Industrial Association
 - Ms Vania Grigorova, Confederation of Labour „Podkrepa“, Bulgaria
 - Mr Ivan Kokalov, Vice-President of CITUB, Bulgaria
 - Dr Ingeborg Friehs, Austrian Public Employment Service
- Q&A

11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:30	Fourth session: New forms of work: Fair working conditions and adequate social protection <i>Moderator: Ms Zornitsa Roussinova, Deputy Minister for Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria</i>
11:30 – 11:40	Transparent and predictable working conditions <i>Mr Stefan Olsson, Director for Employment, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</i>
11:40 – 11:50	Non-standard employment: Opportunities and challenges for the future of work <i>Ms Janine Berg, Senior Economist, ILO</i>
11:50 – 12:00	Different dimensions of job quality <i>Ms Barbara Gerstenberger, Head of Unit for Working Life, Eurofound</i>
12:00 – 12:10	Gender equality and the digital world <i>Dr Jolanta Reingarde, Senior Researcher, European Institute for Gender Equality</i>
12:10 – 12:20	The four-day workweek: An example of labour market innovation <i>Mr Jerzy Ciechanski, Representative of the European Social Cohesion Platform, Council of Europe</i>
12:20 – 13:20	Interactive session – speakers and panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Boyko Nedialkov, member of the Governing Board, Bulgarian Industrial Capital Association • Mr Plamen Dimitrov, President of CITUB, Bulgaria • Ms Irene Wennemo, State Secretary to the Minister for Employment and Integration, Sweden Q&A
13:20 – 13:40	Summing up <i>Moderators of all panels</i>
13:40 – 14:00	Closing remarks <i>Mr Tomislav Donchev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria</i> <i>Ms Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, European Commission</i> <i>Dr Biser Petkov, Minister for Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria</i>
14:00	Lunch