



Agenda for the High-Level Conference FUTURE OF WORK: A Lifecycle Approach *21-22 March 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria*

21 March 2018

- 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 Mr Peter Vesterbacka, Brand Manager, Educational gaming company, Lightneer, former Marketing Director of Rovio (Angry Birds) (tbc)*
- 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 (ILO) (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 **Presentation**
Ms Eva Maydell, Member of the European Parliament

- 14:30 – 14:40 **Towards a healthy and active working society**
Dr Christa Sedlatschek, Director, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
- 14:40 – 14:50 **Severe labour exploitation: workers moving within or into the European Union**
Ms Joanna Goodey, Head of Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- 14:50 – 15:50 ***Interactive session*** – speakers and panellists:
- 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**
Moderator: *Ms Deepa Grover, Senior Advisor - Early Childhood Development, UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia*
- 16:20 – 16:30 **Social origins and destinations: The role of education, skills and caregiver engagement from an early age**
Ms Nina Arnhold, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank
- 16:30 – 16:40 **Sharing of Bulgaria's experience in the field of early childhood development**
Ms Yordanka Fandakova, Mayor of Sofia Municipality, Bulgaria
- 16:40 – 16:50 **Early childhood policies and public investment in the context of the future of work: What role for the EU**
Ms Jana Hainsworth, Secretary General, Eurochild
- 16:50 – 17:00 **Building the foundations of future prosperity: Investing in early childhood development**
Prof Frank Oberklaid, University of Melbourne, Consultant to UNICEF
- 17:00 – 18:00 ***Interactive session*** – speakers and panellists:
- Mr Rait Kuuse, Vice-Chair, Social Protection Committee
 - Dr Elena Kabakchieva, Chair, Health and Social Development Foundation, Bulgaria
- Q&A
- 20:00 – 22:00** **Official dinner at Sofia Hotel Balkan**

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- 09:00 – 09:10** **Keynote speech on the impact of digitalisation on the labour market**
Ms Andriana Sukova -Tosheva, Deputy Director-General, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission DG
- 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 -Tosheva, Deputy Director-General, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission DG*
- 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, Vice-President of the Employers' Group, European Economic and Social Committee, Tatjana Babrauskiene
- 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:**
 - Dr Asen Angelov, Bulgarian Industrial Association
 - Ms Vania Grigorova, Confederation of Labour „Podkrepa“, Bulgaria
 - Dr Inge Friehs, Austrian Public Employment ServiceQ&A
- 11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30 – 13:30** **Fourth session: New forms of work: Fair working conditions and adequate social protection**
Moderator: *Ms Zornitsa Roussinova, Deputy Minister for Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria*
- 11:30 – 11:40 **Transparent and predictable working conditions**
Mr Stefan Olsson, Director for Employment, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

11:40 – 11:50	<p>Non-standard employment: Opportunities and challenges for the future of work <i>Ms Janine Berg, Senior Economist, ILO</i></p>
11:50 – 12:00	<p>Different dimensions of job quality <i>Ms Barbara Gerstenberger, Head of Unit for Working Life, Eurofound</i></p>
12:00 – 12:10	<p>Gender equality and the digital world <i>Dr Jolanta Reingarde, Senior Researcher, European Institute for Gender Equality</i></p>
12:10 – 12:20	<p>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></p>
12:20 – 13:20	<p>Interactive session – speakers and panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Boiko Nedialkov, Bulgarian Industrial Capital Association • Mr Plamen Dimitrov, President of CITUB, Bulgaria • Ms Irene Wennemo, State Secretary to the Minister for Employment and Integration, Sweden <p>Q&A</p>
13:20 – 13:40	<p>Summing up <i>Moderators of all panels</i></p>
13:40 – 14:00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Mr Tomislav Donchev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria</i></p> <p><i>Ms Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Dr Biser Petkov, Minister for Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Bulgaria</i></p>
14:00	<p>Lunch</p>