

Informal Meeting of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs

Tuesday, 21 April

- 13.20 Departure of Heads of delegations and delegates from the hotel to the National Library of Latvia (*by buses*)
- 13.30 – 14.00 Welcome by the Minister of the Welfare of the Republic of Latvia Mr Uldis Augulis
*Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga
Atrium, 1st floor*
- Photo opportunity
Doorstep opportunity*
- 13.30 – 14.00 Welcome coffee
Venue: Hall “Daugava”, 2nd floor
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Opening plenary**
Chair: Mr Uldis Augulis, *Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia*
Mr Valdis Dombrovskis, *Vice President of the Commission for the Euro and Social Dialogue*
Mr Guy Ryder, *Director-General of the International Labour Organisation* (
Ms Marita Ulvskog, *Vice-chair of the European Parliament Employment and Social Affairs Committee*
Ms Bernadette Ségol, *General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation*
Ms Renate Hornung - Draus, *Chair of the Social Affairs Committee of BUSINESSEUROPE*
Mr Peter Faross, *Secretary General of the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises*
Ms Valeria Ronzitti, *Secretary General of the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services*
Venue: Hall “Rīga”, 2nd floor
Simultaneous interpretation: 6/6 EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/LV
- 15.00 – 15.15 Family photo
Venue: Atrium, 1st floor
- 15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break
Venue: Hall “Daugava”, 2nd floor
- 15.45 – 17.45 **Plenary session I – “The role of social dialogue for inclusive growth”**
Chair: Mr Uldis Augulis, *Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia*
Presentation by Mr Raymond Torres, *Director of the International Labour Organisation Research Department*



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- Ms Marianne Thyssen, *Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility*
Discussion
Venue: Hall "Rīga", 2nd floor
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- 18.00 – 18.30 Press conference
Mr Uldis Augulis, *Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia*
Mr Valdis Dombrovskis, *Vice President of the Commission for the Euro and Social Dialogue*
Ms Marianne Thyssen, *Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility*
Venue: Hall "Baltija" 1st floor
Simultaneous interpretation: LV/EN
- 18.00 Departure to the hotel
- 19.15 Departure from the hotel to the dinner venue
- 19.30 – 22.00 Gala Dinner
Venue: Mazā Gilde, Amatu iela 3/5, Rīga
- 22.00 Departure to the hotel

Wednesday, 22 April

- 08.30 Departure of Heads of delegations and delegates from the hotel to the National Library of Latvia (*by buses*)
- 08.30-9.00 Morning coffee
Venue: Hall "Daugava", 2nd floor
- 9.00 – 9.15 **Plenary session - Introduction to workshops**
Chair: Mr Uldis Augulis, *Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia*
Venue: Hall "Rīga", 2nd floor
Simultaneous interpretation: 6/6 EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/LV
- 9.15 – 10.30 **Parallel workshops**
- Workshop 1 – "Existing and emerging challenges to social dialogue"**
Chair: Mr Nicolas Schmit, *Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Economy (Luxembourg)*
Ms Marianne Thyssen, *Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility*
Discussion
Venue: Hall "Rīga", 2nd floor
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Workshop 2 – “Social dialogue and wage setting – experience and recent developments”

Chair: Mr Ged Nash, *Minister of State for Business and Employment (Ireland)*

Mr Michel Servoz, *Director-General of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Directorate-General*

Discussion

Venue: Hall “Vidzeme”, Mezzanine floor

Working language: English

10.30-11.00

Coffee break

Venue: Hall “Daugava”, 2nd floor

11.00-11.30

Wrap-up of the workshops

Chair: Mr Uldis Augulis, *Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia*

Reports from workshops:

Chair I: Mr Nicolas Schmit, *Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Economy (Luxembourg)*

Chair II: Mr Gerald Nash, *Minister of State for Business and Employment (Ireland)*

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11.30-13.00

Plenary session II – “Towards a true and responsible social dialogue”

Chair: Mr Uldis Augulis, *Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia*

Presentation by Mr Juan Menéndez-Valdes, *Director of the European Foundation for Improvement of Living and Working Conditions*

Ms Marianne Thyssen, *Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility*

Discussion

Venue: Hall “Rīga”, 2nd floor

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13.00-14.30

Buffet lunch

Venue: Restaurant, 1st floor

Departure of delegations from the National Library of Latvia to Riga International Airport

14.30-15.30

Meeting of the Social Questions Working Party

Venue: Hall “Vidzeme”, 2nd floor

Working language: English

16.00

Start of attaché programme