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Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Employment and Social Affairs

22 – 23 February 2015
Riga

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 22 February 2015

- 14:00 – 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the event at the hotels
- 18:40 Departure by bus from the hotels to Riga State Gymnasium No. 2
- 19:00 Dinner hosted by **Ms Aija Barča**, Chairperson of the Social and Employment Matters Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
Venue: Ceremonial Hall of Riga State Gymnasium No. 2, Kr.Valdemāra iela 1
- 22:00 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 23 February 2015

- 8:15 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Saeima
- Coffee and registration for the event (for those not yet registered)
Venue: Grand Vestibule, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11

9:00 – 9:30

OPENING SESSION

Venue: Plenary Chamber, Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11 (entrance from Kloostera iela)

Welcome address by **Ms Ināra Mūrniece**, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by **Ms Aija Barča**, Chairperson of the Social and Employment Matters Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by **Mr Valdis Dombrovskis**, Vice-President of the European Commission for the Euro and Social Dialogue

Adoption of the agenda



SESSION I

9:30 – 11:00 Promoting Inclusion of the Most Vulnerable Groups into the Labour Market

Mr Uldis Augulis, Minister for Welfare of the Republic of Latvia

Mr Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

Ms Gunta Anča, President of the Board of the Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability Organisations SUSTENTO, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Vice-President of the European Disability Forum

Debate

11:00 Coffee break
Red Room

SESSION II

11:40 – 13:10 Social Entrepreneurship – a Tool To Achieve Social Objectives

Ms Agnes Jongerius, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament

Ms Ariane Rodert, Vice-President Group III of the European Economic and Social Committee

Mr Andris Bērziņš, President of the Samaritan Association of Latvia

Debate

13:10 Family photo

13:25 Lunch
Cafeteria of the Saeima

SESSION III

14:40 – 16:10 Youth Guarantee Initiative – the First Year of Implementation

Ms Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility

Mr Juras Požela, Chairman of the Commission for Youth and Sport Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Mr Emīls Anškens, Vice-President of the National Youth Council of Latvia

Debate



16:10

End of the Meeting

16.15

Optional – guided tour of the Museum of Occupation of Latvia

Return to the hotels by bus

Departure of delegations

