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HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE

“SOCIAL ECONOMY – FOR ECONOMICALLY SUSTAINABLE AND SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE EU”

16-17 April 2018, Sofia

Boyana Residence, Triaditsa Hall, Boyana Quarter, 16 Vitoshko Lale Str.

Working languages – BG/ EN/ FR/  (Gestural sign with the meaning "translator")

Overall moderator: Denis Stokkink, founder and President of POUR LA SOLIDARITÉ

16 April 2018

Venue: *Boyana Residence, Triaditsa Hall , Boyana Quarter, 16 Vitoshko Lale Str.*

8:15 – 8:45 Registration and welcome coffee

8:45 – 9:15 Official opening ceremony¹

- **Biser Petkov**, Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)
- **Marianne Thyssen**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility (tbc)
- **Elżbieta Bieńkowska**, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, (video message) (tbc)
- **Hasan Ademov**, Chairperson, Committee on Labor, Social and Demographic Policy, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Juan Antonio Pedreño Frutos**, President of Social Economy Europe (tbc)

¹ 5 min folklore program before the official speeches

9:15 – 10:15

Panel 1: Social economy ecosystem

Moderator: Alain Coheur, European Economic and Social Committee

Keynote speakers:

- **Nicolas Schmit**, Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg
- **Tadej Slapnik**, State Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Ulla Engelmann**, Head of Unit F2 – Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship, DG GROW, European Commission
- **Tony Thompson**, Country Manager for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia, World Bank

Questions and answers

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee break

10:30 – 11:15

Social economy ecosystem – good practices from Central and Eastern Europe

Moderator: Peter Ptashko, Director of Global Social Entrepreneurship Network

Keynote speaker:

- **Sultanka Petrova**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Bulgaria – “Instruments and support of social economy”
- **Ivan Neykov**, President of Management Board at Balkan Institute for Labour and Social Policy, former Minister of labour and social policy

Panelists:

- **Stefan Krastev**, VISION Software for the color blinded
- **Nena Dokuzov**, Association Social Economy Slovenia
- **NESsT**, Social entrepreneurship actor
- **Veselin Penchev**, Head of Public Affairs for Eurasia Region, Up Group

Questions and answers

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Panel 2: Pillars of social rights and social economy

Moderator: Patrick Develtere, Principal Adviser on European Social Policy, European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission

Panelists:

- **Ann Branch**, Acting Director for Skills, DG EMPL, European Commission
- **Kélig Puyet**, Director, Social Platform
- **Giuseppe Guerini**, President of CECOP - CICOPA Europe
- **Luca Visentini**, ETUC General Secretary
- **Emma Marcegaglia**, President of Business Europe

Questions and answers

12:30 – 12:45 **Family Photo**

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:15 **Ministerial round table**

Moderator: Zornitsa Roussinova, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Bulgaria

Introductory words: Biser Petkov, Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Bulgaria

Letter of intent – discussion

Questions, answers, comments

15:30 – 16:00 **Bus transfer to the Seventh European Forum on Social Entrepreneurship – Hotel „Marinela“, EFE Hall, Sofia, 100 James Bourchier Boulevard**

16:00 – 18:00 **Official opening of the Seventh European Forum on Social Entrepreneurship**

The Seventh European Forum on Social Entrepreneurship presents social enterprises from Bulgaria and abroad. The aim is to promote their activities, promote the environment and stimulate opportunities for networking and partnerships, as well as exchange of experience and good practice. The participants of the Conference and visitors will have the opportunity after visiting the fair to discuss debate and share impressions.

Official speeches:

- **Boyko Borissov**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)

- **Marianne Thyssen**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility (tbc)
- **Hasan Ademov**, Chairperson, Committee on Labor, Social and Demographic Policy, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Yordanka Fandakova**, Mayor of Sofia Municipality, Republic of Bulgaria

19:30 – 22:00 Diner

17th April 2018

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9:00 – 9:15 **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society (video message)

9:15 – 10:30 **Panel 3: The future of social economy**

Moderator: **Diana Dovgan**, Secretary General, CECOP-CICOPA Europe and CICOPA

Panelists:

- **Stavroula Demetriades**, Senior Research Manager, Employment Unit, Eurofound
- **Maurice Grinberg**, Co-founder, Chair of the Board, ASSIST – Assistive Technologies Foundation, Republic of Bulgaria
- **Sebastien Paule**, Social Innovation director, SMART cooperative
- **Simplon.Co** (Fr)
- **Emiliyan Kadiyski**, Co-founder of Vratsa Software Community

Questions and answers

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 **Panel 4: “Scale me up” - the change of scale of social economy**

Moderator: **Prof. Lalko Dulevski**, President of the Economic and Social Council, Republic of Bulgaria

Panelists:

- **Christine Spornbauer**, Acceleration Coach, Impact Hub Network

- **Aurélie Mexandeau**, Administration and Communication Manager, URSCOP – LR
- **Yurii Valkovski**, Country Manager Bulgaria, Reach for Change Foundation
- **Stilian Balasopulov**, President of National Union of Worker Producers Co-operatives, Republic of Bulgaria

11:45 – 13:00

Panel 5 – Social economy and territorial development

Moderator: Dorotea Daniele, DIESIS

Panelists:

- **Peter Wolkowinski**, Lead Expert, URBACT Network Boosting Social Innovation BoostInno
- **Patricia Andriot**, GECES member and Vice-president of RTES
- **National association of municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria**
- **Patrick Klein**, DG GROW Unit F2 – Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship, European Commission
- **Juan Hernández**, Regional Minister for Economic Development, Tourism and Employment of the Region of Murcia, Spain

13:00 – 13:15

Closing the conference and summarizing the results

13:15 – 14:15

Lunch