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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/ ES/DE/IT  (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
- **Elżbieta Bieńkowska**, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, (video message)
- **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

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:

- **Ulla Engelmann**, Head of Unit F2 – Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship, DG GROW, European Commission
- **Sultanka Petrova**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Bulgaria
- **Tadej Slapnik**, State Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

Questions and answers

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee break

10:30 – 11:15

Social economy ecosystem – good practices from Central and Eastern Europe

Moderator: Ivan Neykov, President of Management Board at Balkan Institute for Labour and Social Policy, former Minister of labour and social policy

Keynote speaker:

- **Mr Branislav Ondrus**, State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and the Family, Slovak Republic

Panelists:

- **Stefan Krastev**, VISION Software for the color blinded
- **Nena Dokuzov**, Association Social Economy Slovenia
- **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:

- **Risto Raivio**, , DG EMPL, European Commission
- **Kélig Puyet**, Director, Social Platform
- **Giuseppe Guerini**, President of CECOP - CICOPA Europe

- **Liina Carr**, ETUC Confederal Secretary

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

Discussion – role and importance of social economy, cooperation and dialogue, future of social economy; tools and innovations for accelerated growth of the social economy; national and European policies; other important themes for development of social economy

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:

- **Valeri Simeonov**, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Demographic Policy
- **Ann Branch**, Acting Director for Skills, DG EMPL, European Commission
- **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

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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: Denis Stokkink

Panelists:

- **Maurice Grinberg**, Co-founder, Chair of the Board, ASSIST – Assistive Technologies Foundation, Republic of Bulgaria
- **Sebastien Paule**, Social Innovation director, SMART cooperative
- **Roxana Rugina Simplon.Co**
- **Teodor Kostadinov**, 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:

- **Mr Hermes Arriga Sierra** the EU Cluster Coordinator of Impact Hub
- **Mrs Fatima Bellaredj**, executive director of the regional federation of cooperatives in Occitanie
- **Yuriy Vulkovsky**, 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:

- **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
- **Taina Tukiainen**, Professor of Corporate Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Aalto University

13:00 – 13:15

Closing the conference and summarizing the results

13:15 – 14:15

Lunch