DRAFT, 13 April 2015

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 Social Affairs Committee of the 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* Ms Marianne Thyssen, *Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility* Discussion *Venue: Hall "Rīga", 2nd floor* *Simultaneous interpretation: 6/6 EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/LV*
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 Ģilde, 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*

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*
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)*
Venue: Hall "Rīga", 2nd floor
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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*
Discussion
Venue: Hall "Rīga", 2nd floor
Simultaneous interpretation: 6/6 EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/LV

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 "Rīga", 2nd floor
Working language: English

16.00 Start of attaché programme