

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Vilnius, 12 September 2013

**Invitation to the
Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Social Affairs and Labour
of 10–11 November 2013**

Dear Colleague,

Lithuania took over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 1 July 2013. It gives me great pleasure to invite representatives of your Parliament to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Social Affairs and Labour on *Employment incentives to implement the Europe 2020 Strategy* to be held on 10–11 November 2013 in Vilnius.

May I kindly ask you to forward the enclosed invitation by Ms Kristina Miškinienė, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, to the Chairs of respective committees at your Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

Vydas Gedvilas

Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

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The meeting will focus on topical issues of youth unemployment. We will discuss the ways to increase employment and youth employment by 2020 and the prospects for implementing the Youth Guarantees initiative in Member States. We will have a debate on how to develop better matching between labour market needs and youth skills. We will also share our views on whether policy measures to boost youth employment are effective.

You are cordially invited to the dinner on Sunday, 10 November 2013, which will mark the beginning of the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Social Affairs and Labour.

Please find enclosed the draft programme of the meeting, general information and hotel booking forms. For more information, please visit the website of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union at www.eu2013.lrs.lt. On the website, you can also find an *online* registration form for the Conference.

You are kindly requested to register **no later than 25 October 2013**.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vilnius.

Yours faithfully,

Kristina Miškinienė
Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour

12-09-2013

**MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES
ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOUR**

Employment incentives to implement the Europe 2020 Strategy

10–11 November 2013
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 10 November

- Arrival of the participants
- 14.00-18.00 Registration at the hotels:
„Amberton Vilnius Centre“, L. Stuokos-Gucevičiaus St 1, Vilnius
„Kempinski Cathedral Square“, Universiteto St 14, Vilnius
„Radisson Blu Astorija“, Didžioji St 35/2, Vilnius
- 17.45 Departure from the hotels for dinner
- 18.00 Guided tour of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania
(in English or French)
Venue: Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, 4 Cathedral Square, Vilnius
- 19.00 Dinner with cultural programme hosted by Ms Kristina MIŠKINIENĖ, Chair of the
Committee on Social Affairs and Labour of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 22.00 Return to the hotels

Monday, 11 November

08.15 Departure by bus from the hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Venue: 53 Gedimino Ave, Vilnius

08.30-09.00 Registration of the participants (for those not registered yet)
Venue: Lobby, Building II of the Seimas

OPENING SESSION

Venue: Plenary Chamber, Building 2 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

09.00 Introductory remarks by Ms Kristina MIŠKINIENĖ, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

09.10 Welcome address by Dr Vydas GEDVILAS, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Adoption of the agenda

SESSION 1**IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE
EU EMPLOYMENT POLICY GUIDELINES**

09.20 **Employment and social policy priorities of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU**
Ms Algimanta PABEDINSKIENĖ, Minister of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

09.35 **Work-life balance as a condition of equal participation of women and men in the labour market**
Ms Virginija LANGBAKK, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality

Debate

11.00 Family photo
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas

11.15 Coffee Break
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas

SESSION 2**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES**

11.45 **Ways to increase employment and youth employment by 2020**
Mr László ANDOR, Member of the European Commission for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

- 12.00 **Prospects of implementing the Youth Guarantees initiative in Member States**
Mr Ole CHRISTENSEN, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament
- Debate
- 13.30-15.00 Lunch
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas
- 13.30 Press conference
Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building II of the Seimas

SESSION 3
BOOSTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

- 15.00 **Developing better matching between labour market needs and youth skills**
Mr Pierre MAIRESSE, Director of the Directorate A – Europe 2020: Policy Development and Country Analysis, DG Education and Culture of the European Commission
- 15.15 **Effective policy measures to boost youth employment**
Mr Juan MENÉNDEZ-VALDÉS, Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
- Debate
- 16.45 **Concluding remarks**
Ms Kristina MIŠKINIENĖ, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 17.00 Guided tour of the Seimas (in English and French) *optional*
- 17.30 Departure of the participants

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Vilnius, 10–11 November 2013

Date and venue The meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Social Affairs and Labour will take place on 10–11 November 2013 in the Plenary Hall of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (Floor 2, Building II of the Seimas).
Entrance – Building II of the Seimas.

Address of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania:
Gedimino Ave 53, LT-01109 Vilnius, Lithuania
www.lrs.lt, www.eu2013.lrs.lt

Arrival/departure and transport The participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from/to the airport to the hotel or the venue of the event (the Seimas).
Transportation from the hotel to the venue of the event will be provided by the organisers.
Vilnius International Airport is approximately 7 km from the City Centre and approximately 8 km from the Seimas.
Taxi fare is approximately 50 Litas.

For more information on Vilnius International Airport, see: www.vilnius-airport.lt/en/. Vilnius International Airport offers free access to Wi-Fi.

The following taxi companies are recommended by the organisers:

Taxi Company	Phone
<i>Vilnius veža</i>	+370 640 47 667; +370 521 57 229
<i>Sauda</i>	+370 526 60 660
<i>Smart taksi</i>	+370 520 00 820

The quality of service of other taxi companies cannot be guaranteed.

Accommodation The participants can choose from the following list of hotels:

Radisson Blu Astorija* ** (50 rooms reserved)**

Didžioji St 35/2, LT-01128 Vilnius, Lithuania

Tel: + 370 5 236 0826

Fax: +370 5 212 1762

E-mail: reservations.vilnius@radissonblu.com

www.radissonblu.lt

The participants are kindly requested to make their hotel reservations individually by sending the filled in reservation form directly to the hotel **no later than 25 October 2013.**

Room	Rate
Single	EUR 160
Double	EUR 180

Kempinski Cathedral Square* ** (50 rooms reserved)**

Universiteto St 14, LT-01122 Vilnius, Lithuania

Tel: + 370 5 220 1100

Fax: +370 5 220 1170

E-mail: reservations.vilnius@kempinski.com

www.kempinski.com

The participants are kindly requested to make their hotel reservations individually by sending the filled in reservation form directly to the hotel **no later than 25 October 2013.**

Room	Rate
Single	EUR 165
Double	EUR 185

Amberton Vilnius Centre* ** (20 rooms reserved)**

L. Stuokos-Gucevičiaus St 1, LT-01122 Vilnius, Lithuania

Tel: +370 5 210 7461

Fax: +370 5 210 7460

E-mail: dir.vilnius@amberton.lt

www.ambertonhotels.com

The participants are kindly requested to make their hotel reservations individually by sending the filled in reservation form directly to the hotel **no later than 25 October 2013.**

Room	Rate
Single	EUR 125
Double	EUR 135

Hotel reservations will be dealt with on a first-come-first-served basis. Accommodation costs are covered by the participants.

Registration of participants

Online registration in advance

All participants are kindly requested to register individually online at www.eu2013.lrs.lt **no later than 25 October 2013.**

Registration at the event

Registration desks will be available at the hotels on 10 November 2013. On 11 November 2013, the participants can register on Floor 1, Building II of the Seimas. During the registration, the participants will be able to collect identity badges and the documents related to the event.

Meanings of the colours of the lanyards attached to identity badges:

red – heads of delegations;
blue – members of delegations;
green – delegation staff;
 yellow – media;
orange – interpreters;
 Lithuanian **three-colour flag** – event organisers.

The participants are kindly requested to wear their identity badges at all times during the event.

Should you lose your badge, please immediately contact the event organisers.

Documents

The updated programme of the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Social Affairs and Labour and other working documents and information are available at www.eu2013.lrs.lt. The participants are invited to closely follow the information updates on the website.

The updated documents will be distributed upon the registration at the event.

All the documents are available in Lithuanian, English, and French.

After the event, the documents will be published at www.eu2013.lrs.lt.

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation into Lithuanian, English and French will be provided during the event.

Please note that there are 16 interpretation booths in the Plenary Hall of the Seimas. In case any delegation wishes to bring its own interpreters and needs an interpretation booth, it is requested to notify the organisers in advance. Interpretation booths will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Taking the floor

The participants wishing to take the floor during the event are kindly requested to fill in request-for-the-floor cards. The cards will be provided upon registration together with other documents of the event. The cards will be coloured, with each colour corresponding an item on the agenda.

The floor will be given on the basis of the requests for the floor received. The floor can be taken from a participant's seat.

Services

An internet café will be available near the Plenary Hall with internet access and a printer.

Medical service

Emergency medical aid will be available throughout the event in Room 110, Building III of the Seimas.

Other medical services and care (including hospitalisation) is under personal responsibility of the participants.

The participants are advised to have appropriate health insurance.

It is the responsibility of the participants to have a sufficient amount of their regular medications.

Closest pharmacies:

Camelia vaistinė

Gedimino Ave 60, LT-01110 Vilnius, Lithuania

Tel: +370 5 249 6168

Open:

I–V – 7.30–20.00

VI – 10.00–16.00

Gintarinė vaistinė

J. Jasinskio Str. 5–8 / M. Rotundo Str. 2–8,

LT-01112 Vilnius, Lithuania

Tel: +370 5 249 7991

Open:

I–V – 7.30–18.00

Catering

Besides a coffee break in the Stained Glass Gallery of Building I of the Seimas, coffee and soft drinks will also be available near the Plenary Hall throughout the event.

The participants are requested to refrain from taking food and drinks to the Plenary Hall.

Lunch will be served in the Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas.

Smoking

In Lithuania, smoking is prohibited in offices, restaurants, cafes, public transport and other in-door public places with the exception of places designated for smoking.

There is a smoking area near the Plenary Hall of the Seimas.

Local Time

Lithuanian time zone is GMT+2.

Climate

Continental-marine

Average temperature in November:

+4 °C in daytime,

–1 °C at night.

Weather forecasts and other related information about the climate in Lithuania are available on the webpage of the Lithuanian Hydrometeorological Service at www.meteo.lt.

Currency

The national currency of the Republic of Lithuania is **the Litas (LTL)**. Payments are accepted in Litas only. Hotels, restaurants, cafes and shopping centres accept debit and credit cards.

The official exchange rate for the euro established by the Bank of

AMBERTON ****

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

**MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND
LABOUR**

November 10-11, 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania

Please submit this form to the hotel before 25th of October 2013

fax: 370 5 210 7460

e-mail: dir.vilnius@amberton.lt

Address: L. Stuokos Guceviaus str. 1, Vilnius LT-01122, Lithuania

Mr/Ms: _____
FAMILY NAME: _____
FIRST NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
COUNTRY: _____
TELEPHONE: _____
FAX: _____
E-MAIL: _____

Room rate includes: VAT, buffet breakfast and internet.

ROOM TYPE: SINGLE **EUR 125** DOUBLE **EUR 135**

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE: _____

PAYMENT :Credit card: Visa EC/MC AMEX Diners Club

Please, guarantee your reservation by your Credit card No:

_____ Valid trough: _____

Cancellation terms:

-If room is cancelled **before October 25th 2013** no cancellation penalties will be applied by the Hotel.

-If room is cancelled **after October 25th and before November 7th 2013**, the hotel will charge 50% room price for one night from your credit card.

-If room is cancelled **after November 7th 2013**, the hotel will charge 100% room price for one night from your credit card.

Remarks _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

**Please fax this form to: +370 5 210 7460,
or e-mail to: dir.vilnius@amberton.lt**

Thank you



Kempinski Hotel
Cathedral Square

VILNIUS

Event:

**Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees
on Social Affairs and Labour**

Date:

10-11 November 2013

*Kempinski Hotel Cathedral Square, Vilnius
Universiteto g. 14, LT-01122, Vilnius, Lithuania*

GUEST INFORMATION

First name:		Street:	
Last name:		City/State:	
Phone nr.:		Zip code/Postal Code:	
E-mail address:		Country:	
Company:			

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Arrival date:	
Departure date:	
Number of nights:	
Number of persons:	
Arrival time:	

SPECIAL RATES VALID FOR RESERVATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE 2013-10-25

Please mark room rate per night

Standard single occupancy room per night:	165,00 €	
Standard double occupancy room per night:	185,00 €	

All rates are per night per room, including buffet breakfast, 21%VAT, use of our SPA center and wireless internet.

TRANSFER DETAILS (FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL)

Please kindly mark your choice of transfer

Limousine transfer	35,00 €	
Regular car transfer	23,00 €	
City taxi transfer	17,00 €	
Your flight details		

PAYMENT DETAILS

Type of credit card:	
Credit card number:	
Expiry date:	

Please kindly note, that non-guaranteed reservations will not be accepted. Guaranteed reservations can be cancelled free of charge **5 days** before scheduled arrival. In case of no-show or failed cancellation, first night room rate will be charged. Rates and rooms are available for reservations received by the hotel no later than **25 October 2013**. Reservations received by the hotel later than the period noted above is a subject to availability.

PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO THE HOTEL

**By FAX: +370 5 220 11 70
or E-MAIL: reservations.vilnius @kempinski.com**

Radisson Blu Astorija Hotel Vilnius
 Didžioji 35/2, 01128, Vilnius, Lithuania
 Phone (370) 5 212 01 10
 Fax (370) 5 212 17 62

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
“MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOUR“
10th -11^h NOVEMBER
BLOCK RESERVATION CODE: 705221

Rates and rooms are available for reservations received by hotel no later than **25 October 2013**
 Rates and rooms for reservations received by hotel later than **25 October 2013** are question of availability.

GUEST LAST NAME			
GUEST FIRST NAME			
PHONE NUMBER			
E-MAIL			
ARRIVAL date		Time	
DEPARTURE date			

Please mark room rate per night

STANDARD SINGLE ROOM		160 EUR
STANDARD DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM		180 EUR

Business Class rooms are subject to availability and cost 40 EURO supplement to Standard category (respectively 200 EURO for single occupancy and 220 EURO for double occupancy).

Rates include our ‘Super buffet’ breakfast, all taxes and fees, Health centre and wireless internet in the hotel. The official exchange rate is 1 EURO=3,4528 LT

RESERVATION CAN BE CANCELLED WITHOUT A CHARGE NO LATER THAN 4 NOVEMBER 2013. AFTER 4 NOVEMBER 2013 IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OR NO SHOW UP RESERVATION CHARGE FOR ENTIRE STAY WILL BE APPLIED.

Please complete the following:

I, _____, hereby authorize the **Radisson BLU Astorija Hotel, Lithuania** to charge my credit card in respect of the below indicated charges for the following guest.

Name: _____

Card number _____ **Expiry Date** _____

These charges will occur during the following period:

Date: ____/____/____ until departure date: ____/____/____

(Signature of cardholder) _____

PLEASE FAX OR EMAIL THIS FORM
 Radisson Blu Astorija Hotel, Vilnius
 Fax: 00 370 5 212 17 62
 Email: reservations.vilnius@radissonblu.com

Confirmation to be sent to:
 (fax or email)

Lithuania: **EUR 1 is LTL 3.4528**; the currency is exchanged at a market rate.

Cash (in Litas) can be withdrawn from an ATM or a bank.

ATM of the *SEB bankas* bank is available in the lobby on Floor 1, Building 2 of the Seimas.

ATM of the *Swedbank* is available in the lobby on Floor 1, Building 3 of the Seimas.

Cultural programme

On 10 November 2013, a dinner and cultural programme will be organised.

The dinner hosted by Ms Kristina Miškinienė, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour of the Seimas, will take place in the *Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, 4 Cathedral Square, Vilnius* (www.valdovurumai.lt).

Information

All the information about the event is available at www.eu2013.lrs.lt.

During the event, an information desk will be located outside the Plenary Hall of the Seimas.

The participants will have free access to Wi-Fi in the Seimas. Network name: *Seimas Open*.

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