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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 Klosterā 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 (Tbc)

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 (Tbc)

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

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

Debate

11:00 Coffee break  
*Grand Vestibule*

## SESSION II

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

*Ms Marita Ulvskog*, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament (Tbc)

*Ms Ariane Rodert*, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (Tbc)

*Mr Andris Bērziņš*, President of the Samaritan Association of Latvia (Tbc)

Debate

13:10 Family photo  
*Plenary Chamber*

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 (Tbc)

*Mr Vilis Brūveris*, Project Manager of the youth organisation –Next– (Tbc)

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

Debate

**16:10**

**End of the Meeting**

16.25

Press conference

*Voting Room*

*Optional* – guided tour of the Museum of Occupation of Latvia

Return to the hotels by bus

Departure of delegations

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