

High-Level Tripartite Conference on Social Dialogue and Labour Law Reform for ILO Constituents in the EU Accession Countries

Tentative agenda

Friday, 28 February 2003

9h15 – 10h00 Welcoming addresses

Chair: **Dr. L. Gonzi, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Social Policy, Malta**

Mr. L. Gonzi, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Social Policy, Malta

Ms. S. Paxton, Executive Director, ILO

Mr. D. Reppas, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Greece, holder of the EU Presidency

UNICE representative

ETUC representative

Coffee break

10h20 – 10h50 *Social Dialogue at the National Level in the EU Accession Countries*

Mr. L. Rychly, ILO

10h50 – 12h30 General discussion on the institutional and legal framework of National Tripartite Bodies

Lunch break

Chair: **Ms. S. Paxton, Executive Director, ILO**

14h30 – 14h45 *Social Dialogue at the national level in the European Union member States*

Mr. B. Jansen, European Commission

14h45 – 16h00 General discussion on the functioning and influence of National Tripartite Bodies on economic and social policies

Coffee break

16h15 – 16h45 *Labour law reform in EU-accession countries*

Mr. A. Bronstein, ILO

16h45 – 17h30 Discussion on labour law reform

19h30 *Reception hosted by Ms. S. Paxton, Executive Director and
Mr. F. Buttler, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, ILO*

Saturday, 1 March 2003

Chair: ***Mr. F. Buttler, Regional Director for Europe and Central
Asia, ILO***

9h15 – 9h45 *Employment protection legislation and its effects on labour
market performance*
Ms. A. Nesporova, ILO

9h45 – 10h15 Questions & Answers session

Coffee break

Chair: ***Ms. P. O'Donovan, Director, InFocus Programme on Social
Dialogue, ILO***

10h30 – 12h15 Roundtable discussion on labour law reform followed by General
Discussion on labour law reform and employment protection
legislation

Government representative
Worker representative
Employer representative
World Bank representative
OECD representative
ILO representative

12h15 – 12h45 *ILO policy recommendations,*
Ms. S. Paxton, Executive Director, ILO

Closing speech by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Social
Policy of Malta
Dr. L. Gonzi

Lunch

14h30 Cultural Tour of Malta

20h00 *Reception hosted by the Government of Malta*