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International Labour Office

EESC-ILO Joint Conference

**"Civil Society in the Black Sea Region
and the Eastern Partnership Countries -
Promoting Civil and Social Dialogue"**

**2 -3 March, 2009
Brussels**

**Draft Agenda
(as of 19 February, 2009)**

Monday, 2 March

2 p.m. *Registration of participants - Welcome coffee*

2.30 p.m. **Opening**

- **Mr Mario Sepi**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Mr George Dragnich**, Executive Director for Social Dialogue, International Labour Office (ILO), Geneva
- **Mr Petr Nečas**, Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic (tbc)
- **Mr Janos Herman**, Principal Adviser - Deputy Political Director, European Neighbourhood Policy Coordination Directorate, European Commission

3 p.m.

Session 1:

Black Sea Synergy and Eastern Partnership – How do these initiatives complement each other?

Moderator: **Mr Vesselin Mitov**, International Secretary of the Confederation of Labour "Podkrepa", EESC Member, Bulgaria

- Presentations:*
- **Mr Janos Herman**, Principal Adviser - Deputy Political Director, European Neighbourhood Policy Coordination Directorate, European Commission
 - **Ms Alina Inayeh**, Director of the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, Romania

Discussion

4.30 p.m. *Coffee break*

5 p.m. **Session 2:**
How can civil society contribute to Eastern Partnership and Black Sea Synergy?

Moderator: **Ms Evelyne Pichenot**, Chairperson of the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council delegation to the EU, EESC Member

Presentations: – **Mr Mihai Manoliu**, EESC Rapporteur, on "Setting up civil society organization networks in the Black Sea region", Secretary General of the Alliance of Romanian Employers' Confederations (ACPR)
– **Mr Irakli Petriashvili**, President of Georgian Trade Unions Confederation

Discussion

6.30 p.m. *Reception*

Tuesday, 3 March

9 a.m. **Session 3:**
Promotion of effective social dialogue as an instrument of consensus building on economic and social policies and the supportive role of the ILO

Moderator: **Mr Youcef Ghellab**, Senior Specialist on Labour Administration, ILO Geneva

Presentations: – **Mr Sergiu Sainciuc**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade, Republic of Moldova
– **Professor Alakbar Mammadov**, President of the National Confederation of Entrepreneurs (Employers') Organisations – ASK-, Republic of Azerbaijan
– **Mr Evgeny Sidorov**, National Secretary, Federation of Independent Trade Unions (FNPR), Russian Federation

Discussion

10.30 a.m. *Coffee break*

11 a.m.

Session 4:
Civil society networks at national and regional level and the supportive role of the EESC

Moderator: **Ms Ágnes Cser**, Vice-President of the Trade Union Cooperation Forum – Trade Union Confederation of Intellectual Workers (SZEF-ÉSZT), EESC Member, Hungary

Presentations:

- **Ms Liudmyla Denysova**, Minister of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine
- **Mr Ivan Voleš**, Chairman of the EESC Eastern Neighbours Contact Group, Assistant Secretary General of the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic (HKČR)
- **Mr Murat Zongur**, Secretary General of the Union of Black Sea and Caspian Confederation of Enterprises (UBCCE), Turkey

Discussion

12.30 a.m.

Presentation of the Conclusions:

- **Mr Mario Sepi**, President of the EESC
- **Mr Rudi Delarue**, Director of ILO Liaison Office with the EU and Benelux countries, Brussels

Closing Speech

- **Mr Filip Hamro-Drotz**, President of the External Relations Section, EESC Member
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1.30 p.m.

Lunch
