



Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Regional Conference

Labour market transitions of young women and men in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

28-29 April 2015

Room IX, ILO Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

<u>Day 1</u>	
9:00-09:30	Arrival and registration
9:30-10:00	Opening session Welcoming remarks <i>Heinz Koller, Director, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, ILO</i>
10:00-11:00	High-level panel Interactive panel discussion on solutions to improve the transition of young people to the labour market in Europe and Central Asia. <i>Facilitator: Sandra Polaski, Deputy Director-General for Policy, ILO</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	Identifying youth employment trends in Europe and Central Asia - Youth labour markets in the European Union <i>Massimiliano Mascherini, Research Manager, Eurofound</i> - Youth labour markets in Eastern Europe and Central Asia <i>Sara Elder, Chief Technical Advisor, Work4Youth Project, ILO</i>
12:30-14:00	Group photo and lunch
14:00-14:30	ILO's framework of action on youth employment in Europe and Central Asia <i>Gianni Rosas, Head, Youth Employment Programme, ILO</i>
14:30-15:30	Getting priorities right: an introduction to the peer review process - Good practice in identifying coherent policy priorities <i>Olga Koulaeva, Senior Employment Specialist, ILO Moscow</i> - Implementation example: Peer review exercise between Kyrgyzstan and Armenia, and between Azerbaijan and Tajikistan <i>Facilitator: Mikhail Pouchkin, Chief Technical Advisor, Partnerships for youth employment in the CIS, ILO</i>
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-16:45	Thematic Session I: Enabling job creation - The use of macroeconomic instruments to create decent jobs for youth <i>Iyanatul Islam, Chief, ILO, Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch</i> - Implementation example <i>Christopher Weiss, Economist, European Investment Bank</i>



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16:45-17:00	Summary of Day 1
17:30-19:30	Reception
Day 2	
9:45-10:00	Introduction to Day 2
10:00-11:15	Thematic Session II: Targeted employment measures for young people - Good practice: Youth Guarantee <i>Pablo Cornide, Youth Employment policy Officer, European Commission</i> - Implementation examples <i>Vítor Pinheiro, Executive Director for the Youth Guarantee, Instituto do Emprego e Formação Profissional, Portugal</i> <i>Mikko Räsänen, Senior Adviser, Confederation of Finnish Industries EK, Finland</i> <i>Facilitator: Gianni Rosas, Head, ILO, Youth Employment Programme</i>
11:15-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:45	Thematic Session III: Skills development - Challenges and good practice in skills development <i>Gabriela Platon, Labour Market Specialist, European Training Foundation</i> - Implementation examples <i>Gagik Makaryan, Chairman, The Republican Union of Employers of Armenia</i> <i>Jiri Branka, Technical Officer, ILO, Czech Republic</i> <i>Facilitator: Olga Strietska-Ilina, Skills Policies and Systems Specialist, ILO</i>
12:45-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:15	Sharing national good practices Country presentations
15:15-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:30	Sharing national good practices (Continued) Country presentations
16:30-16:45	Closing session Concluding remarks <i>Azita Berar Awad, Director, Employment Policy Department, ILO</i> <i>Heinz Koller, Director, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, ILO</i>