

Working Group 5 Meeting and Capacity Building Conference, co-organized by Solidariumas Trade Union (see separate agenda for 19th meeting)

Agenda 18 June 2015, Vilnius Solidariumas meeting room, K.Kalinausko g.2 B/ 4 floor

Introduction

On 30 March 2015, the Working Group 5 Council met and discussed priorities for the regranting process under WG 5, the European Neighbourhood Policy review process and planning the meeting of the Working Group. Discussions were held drawing on the activities of WG 5 in National Platforms. It was decided to try to organize the meeting together with another conference on the topic of social dialogue and labor market policies in Vilnius on 18 June, so that members of the WG can attend the other conference on 19th June.

Aim

The Meeting of the Working Group 5 will include exchange and two panels on social dialogue and social protection, with guest speakers from Lithuanian social partners and public authorities.

Objectives

- 1. Exchange on the initiatives on social policy and social dialogue reform in EaP Countries
- 2. Encourage the development of regional perspectives and joint support initiatives
- 3. Share case studies of Lithuania's transition and change of legislative and policy framework
- 4. Share project initiatives and Identify common actions until the Annual Assembly.

Participants and Interpretation

The meeting will include all participants of WG5 at the Annual Assembly, Working Group Council members as well as observers and guests (about 20 participants). Observers can participate if they are able to cover their own costs for the meeting. The meeting will be held in Russian.

For questions related to the meeting in Vilnius, please contact Daiva Kvedaraite at + 370 686 17409 or Ryte Kukulskyte at: +370 695 79 604



AGENDA

18 June: Working Group 5 meeting – updates, sub-groups, actions of WG in 2015

12:00	Lunch to be organized near the venue of the meeting. You will be informed upon arrival about the place
	Opening address
13:30–13:45	Daiva Kvedaraite, Siarhei Antusevich – Coordinators of Working Group 5 Kristina Krupaviciene, President of Lithuanian Trade Union Solidariumas Round of Introduction of participants
Session 1	Updates and actions from National Platforms and from regional activities targeting welfare or labor policies reform
13.45 – 15:30	Moderated by:Siarhei Antusevich, Coordinator of WG 5Speakers:Working Group Council Members will share about the priorities and activities in National Platforms and areas of common interest will be identified
15:30-15:45	Coffee/tea break
Session 2	Reform of social protection
15.45 – 16.30	Moderated by:Rostislav Dzundza, Bureau of Social and Political DevelopmentsSpeakers:Viorica Antonov, IDIS Viitorul, Moldova NP, EaP CSF – welfare reforms undertaken by Moldova under the AA agreement, strengths and weaknessesNaira Arakelyan, Armavir Development Centre, Armenia NP, EaP CSF – integrated social services reforms in Armenia – how are they felt by the beneficiariesAudra Mikalauskaite, former Vice-minister of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Lecturer at the University of Mykolas Romeris – transition to a new type of welfare and social policies
Session 3	Building the foundations of a strong social dialogue
16.30 – 17.15	Moderated by:Siarhei Antusevich, Coordinator of WG 5, Belarus NP, EaP CSFSpeakers:Vyacheslav Roy, Federation of Trade Unions of Small and Medium Enterprise of Ukraine, Ukraine NP, EaP CSF Audra Mikalauskaite, former Vice-minister of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Lecturer at the University of Mykolas Romeris – lessons learned in the process of building social dialogue in Lithuania
Session 4	Conclusion and closing of the meeting
17:15-17:45	Moderated by: Daiva Kvedaraite, Solidariumas Lithuanian Trade Union, EaP CSF Projects and joint activities until the Annual Assembly Evaluation and closing of the meeting Dinner

On 19th June members of Working Group 5 will attend the Conference organized by Solidariumas on flexible labor markets, see separate agenda of the meeting.