Decentralised cluster seminar on capacity building, focused on candidate countries

And the Balkan region
ALBANIA – NORTH MACEDONIA – MONTENEGRO – SERBIA
24-25 October 2019
Hotel Moskva, Balkanska 1, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia

AGENDA

Thursday 24 October 2019

14h00  Registration and welcoming coffee

14h30-14h45  Opening - Presentation of the seminar’s objectives by the European social partners
              - ETUC
              - BusinessEurope, CEEP, SMEunited

14h45-15h30  State of play of the European social dialogue: presentation by the European social partners
              - Context and latest results
              - Implementation and follow-up of EU social dialogue instruments
              - Capacity building
              - European Social Dialogue Work Programme

15h30-15h45  Coffee break

15h45-17h00  State of play of the national social dialogues, examples from Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
              - Christiane Westphal, Policy officer – International Issues unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Discussion

17h00-18h00  Separate employers and trade unions sessions
              - Update on tri-partite and bi-partite social dialogues; the actors, representativeness and collective bargaining at national level
              - Relations between the European and national levels in the candidate countries

19h30  Dinner
Friday 25 October 2019

08h30   Doors open and welcoming coffee

09h00-09h30   Feedback from separate employers and trade unions sessions

09h30-10h30   National practices from an EU Member State

  • Natalja PREISA, LBAS, Latvia
  • Annick HELLEBUYCK, VBO-FEB, Belgium

Discussion

10h30-11h45   Break and separate workshops by country (next steps)

  Separate sessions:
  Albania
  North Macedonia
  Montenegro
  Serbia

11h45-12h15   Reporting back on next steps and conclusions from national social partners

12h15-12h30   Conclusions by the European social partners

12h30   End of the seminar and buffet lunch