



DEDICATED WORKING GROUP ON IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF LABOUR MARKETS AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS

3rd meeting: “Childcare provisions in the European Union”

17 September 2020

Virtual meeting

Agenda

09h15 – 09h30	<i>Connecting to meetings</i>
09h30 - 10h00	Separate preparatory meetings: planning the day
10h00 - 10h20	Welcome, Introduction and lessons learned from Covid-19 Maxime Cerutti , BusinessEurope Social Affairs Director Guillaume Affelat , CEEP Policy Advisor Valentina Guerra , SMEunited Policy Advisor Esther Lynch , ETUC Deputy General Secretary
10h20 – 11h10	EU policy to improve childcare provisions in Europe and to increase women’s participation in the labour market Greet Vermeulen , Policy Officer, Gender Equality Unit, DG Justice <i>Presentation of the Gender Equality Strategy and the EU ambitions regarding childcare</i> Jiri Svarc , European Commission, DG Employment, Head of Unit Social Investment Strategy <i>Investing in children and funding in current and future MFF</i> Rait Kuuse , Chair of the Social Protection Committee (SPC), <i>European semester and country specific recommendations on childcare</i> <i>Discussion</i>
11h10 - 11h30	<i>Coffee break</i>

11h30 – 12h45	<p>Investing to improve availability and affordability of childcare services, as well as quality of jobs in the sector</p> <p>Chris Clarke, Economist, OECD, <i>presentation on success factors and challenges when implementing childcare infrastructures development strategies</i></p> <p>Alexia Vella - Representative from JobsPlus, Malta, <i>Results achieved through the Free Childcare Scheme</i></p> <p>Darragh O'Connor, Head of Strategic Organising at SIPTU, Ireland</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12h45-13h45	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
14h00-14h45	<p>Barcelona targets, past, present and future</p> <p>Jeanette Grenfors, Senior Legal Adviser, SALAR</p> <p>Anna Ludwinek, Research Manager at Eurofound, <i>Presentation of the Study on afterschool hours childcare</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
14h45-15h30	<p>Social Partners and childcare provisions: what can be done?</p> <p>Minna Etu-Seppälä, Chair of BusinessEurope Equal Opportunities Network, Chemical Industry Federation of Finland</p> <p>Miriam Pinto Lomeña, Responsible of International Relations, Social Affairs Department, CEOE, Spain</p> <p>Jakob Embacher, Policy Assistant responsible for Childcare, EPSU</p> <p>Sonia Ostrica, National policy coordinator equal opportunities and gender equality, UIL</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15h30 - 16h00	<p>Separate meetings: taking stock of the discussions</p>
16h00 - 16h30	<p>Conclusions: Assessing the need for joint or coordinated Social Partners' proposals/actions</p> <p>Esther Lynch, ETUC Deputy General Secretary</p> <p>Guillaume Affelat, CEEP Policy Advisor</p> <p>Valentina Guerra, SMEunited Policy Advisor</p> <p>Maxime Cerutti, BusinessEurope Social Affairs Director</p>
16h30	<p><i>End of the meeting</i></p>

