

Regional forum for social and economic policy

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24 - 25th October 2019

Slovakia, Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel
Hviezdoslavovo nam 3, 81102 Bratislava

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The 2019 Regional Forum bridges the outcomes of last year's Forum on economic and social convergence with perspectives on inclusive growth at the local level. Convergence is perceived as an integral part of inclusive growth that is distributed fairly across the society. While the Forum 2018 focused at convergence initiatives at the European and national levels, this year's Forum is addressing how to better facilitate inclusive growth at the local level via broadening traditional social dialogue and interaction of various stakeholders in the labour market - including firms, employees and trade unions, central and local governments, the non-profit sector and stakeholders in the education system.



While EU-level and national level strategies emphasize the importance of inclusive growth, the potential for unlocking this process needs to embrace local-level initiatives and a pluralistic dialogue between all of the above stakeholders representing different interests within the society.

Participants will jointly identify labour market challenges in particular local contexts, explore efforts and specific roles that stakeholders may play in addressing these challenges in the context of the EU2020 strategy, as well as discuss various mechanisms and institutions that should facilitate a successful cooperation between firms, trade unions, local governments, schools and NGOs on the joint trajectory towards inclusive growth.

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 24th October 2019

12:00	<i>Arrival of participants and lunch</i>
13:00 - 13:40	Opening and welcome remarks The 2018 Forum highlights and follow up
13:40 - 15:00	Inputs and discussions: State-of-art of inclusive growth at the local level - looking for the potential The role of Social Partners in CEE and innovative strategies for strengthening inclusive growth
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>

WORKSHOPS

15:30 - 18:30	Presenting and discussing 3 success stories of collaboration towards inclusive growth at local level <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constructive partnership of the teachers' trade union in Georgia• Trade union initiatives complementing the Swedish Public Employment Service in facilitating employment as one of the principles of inclusive growth• Regional tripartite councils in Lithuania as a way how to boost a cooperation and collective bargaining. <i>Program changes reserved</i>
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19:30	<i>Dinner</i>
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Friday, 25th October 2019

09:00 - 10:00	Reports and Wrapping-up the outcomes of the workshops
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 - 12:00	Ideas for broadening cooperation and interaction of various stakeholders in the labour market Panel discussion
	Closing the Forum 2019

12:00	<i>Lunch and departure</i>
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Event information:

Accommodation:

For respective participants is accommodation pre-booked and covered by FES from 24.-25.10. (1 night) at Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel.

Travel information:

The organizers welcome it if the respective organisations are able to cover the transportation costs of their participants.

Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland and Romania: FES will book directly and cover costs of flight tickets for participants from the listed countries.

Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia: Travel costs for participants from Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia will be reimbursed upon invoice and original tickets when traveling by train. Participants from these countries who decide to travel by car can receive a reimbursement of 0,20 cent per kilometre and car (maximum 150 Euro). Local transportation at the place of origin is expected to be borne by the participants or their respective organisation. Transportation to and from the airport of Vienna or Bratislava will be provided/reimbursed by the organizers.

This meeting will be held in English only.