

10 November 2013

**MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES
ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOUR**

Employment Incentives to Implement the Europe 2020 Strategy

10–11 November 2013
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 10 November

Arrival of the participants

- 15.00-19.00 Registration at the hotels:
„Amberton Vilnius Centre“, L. Stuokos-Gucevičiaus g. 1, Vilnius
„Kempinski Cathedral Square“, Universiteto g. 14, Vilnius
„Radisson Blu Astorija“, Didžioji g. 35/2, Vilnius
- 17.45 Departure from the hotels for dinner
- 18.00 Guided tour of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania
(in English or French)
Venue: Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, Katedros a. 4, Vilnius
- 19.00 Dinner with the cultural programme hosted by Ms Kristina MIŠKINIENĖ, Chair of
the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour of the Seimas of the Republic of
Lithuania
- 22.00 Return to the hotels

Monday, 11 November

08.15 Departure by bus from the hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Venue: 53 Gedimino pr., Vilnius

08.15 Registration of the participants (for those not registered yet)
Venue: Lobby, Building 2 of the Seimas

OPENING SESSION

Venue: Plenary Chamber, Building 2 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

09.00 Introductory remarks by Ms Kristina MIŠKINIENĖ, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

09.10 Welcome address by H. E. Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Adoption of the agenda

SESSION 1**IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE
EU EMPLOYMENT POLICY GUIDELINES**

09.20 **Employment and social policy priorities of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU**

Ms Algimanta PABEDINSKIENĖ, Minister of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

09.35 **Work-life balance as a condition of equal participation of women and men in the labour market**

Ms Virginija LANGBAKK, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality

Debate

11.15 Family photo

Coffee break

Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas

SESSION 2**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES**

11.45 **Ways to increase employment and youth employment by 2020**

Mr László ANDOR, Member of the European Commission for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

- 12.00 **Good practice in implementing youth employment measures and prospects of implementing the Youth Guarantees initiative in Member States**
 Ms Brigitte VAN DER BURG, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment of the Dutch House of Representatives of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
 Ms Tarja FILATOV, Chair of the Employment and Equality Committee of the Eduskunta of the Republic of Finland

Debate

- 13.30-14.45 Lunch
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas

- 13.30 Press conference
Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building 2 of the Seimas

SESSION 3

BOOSTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

- 14.45 **Developing better matching between labour market needs and youth skills**
 Mr Pierre MAIRESSE, Director of the Directorate A – Europe 2020: Policy Development and Country Analysis, DG Education and Culture of the European Commission
- 15.00 **Effective policy measures to boost youth employment**
 Mr Juan MENÉNDEZ-VALDÉS, Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
- Debate
- 16.15 **Concluding remarks. Debate on and adoption of the conclusions of the meeting**
 Ms Kristina MIŠKINIENĖ, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs and Labour of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 16.30 Return to the hotels or departure for the airport by bus
- 16.30 Guided tour of the Seimas (in English and French) *optional*
- 17.15 Return to the hotels by bus