

IEGULDĪJUMS TAVĀ NĀKOTNĒ!

International conference

“Trade union role in promotion of sustainable growth and quality jobs creation”

Date: 26-27 February 2015

Venue: Riga Latvian Society House, Merkela Street 13, Riga

Working language: Latvian with simultaneous interpretation to English and French

Accommodation booked in Tallink Hotel Riga, Elizabetes Street 24, Riga

26 February

9.00 – 10.00 Registration of participants

10.00 – 10.30 **Opening of the conference**

Pēteris Krīgers, President of Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS)

Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Aija Barča, Member of the Parliament of Latvia, Chairperson of the Social and Employment Committee

Uldis Augulis, Minister for Welfare of Latvia

Moderator – Ansis Bogustovs, journalist of European Union affairs

10.30 – 12.30 **Session I: Trade union role in quality jobs creation**

- European trade union strategy to facilitate quality jobs creation

Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary of the ETUC

- Description and significance of quality jobs – economic dimension

Dr.oec. Raita Karnīte, LBAS expert

- The role of social dialogue in facilitation of quality jobs

Stavroula Demetriades, Senior Programme Manager Industrial Relations,
EUROFOUND

- Employers' perspective on creation of quality jobs

Līga Mengēlsone, Director General of Employers' Confederation of Latvia (LDDK)

- Trade union best practice in facilitation of quality jobs creation

Francesco Lauria, Expert of the CISL National Study Center, Italy

Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch/Press conference**

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13.30 – 15.00

Session II: Trade union role in tackling youth unemployment problems

- The European social partners' initiatives in promotion of youth employment
Salvatore Marra, President of the ETUC Youth Committee
- Correlation between education and the labour market
Inta Šusta, Deputy Director on Vocational Education and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia
- Trade union involvement in promotion of youth employment. Best practice
Mārtiņš Dunsķis, Representative of LBAS Youth Council, Latvian Builders Trade Union
- Austrian trade unions' best practice in moving youth into employment and promotion of career development
Oliver Röpke, Head of the EU Department of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB), Member of European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Discussion

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00

Session III: Trade union activities in tackling challenges of free movement of workers

- The ETUC strategy and actions in tackling cross border labour mobility and migration problems
Marco Cilento, Advisor at the ETUC
- European policy initiatives in promotion of free movement of workers
Dace Akule, Director and expert of Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS
- Best practice of Swedish trade unions in supporting migrant workers
Ellen Nygren, International Officer at the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO)
- Latvian trade unions' experience in the framework of free movement of workers
Natalja Mickeviča, LBAS European Law and Policies Expert

Discussion

17.00

Closing of the first day and reception hosted by LBAS

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9.30 – 10.00

Registration, coffee

10.00 – 12.00

Session I: Impact and capacity of trade unions in the EU, examples of best practice

- Impact and capacity of European trade union movement. Future perspectives, challenges and opportunities

Patrick Itschert, Deputy General Secretary of the ETUC

- Trade union impact and challenges within European social dialogue

Isabella Biletta, Research Manager at the Working Conditions and Industrial Relations Unit, EUROFOUND

- Trade union role in the process of economy and labour market regulation

Dr.oec. Raita Karnīte, LBAS expert

- Modern role and impact of trade unions: Youth perspective and recommendations

Salvatore Marra, President of the ETUC Youth Committee

- Enhancing trade union influence in policy making: Best practice of Italian trade unions

Francesco Lauria, Expert of the CISL National Study Center, Italy

- Trade union capacity building instruments: Best practice of Swedish trade unions

Ellen Nygren, International Officer at the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO)

- Preconditions for a strong trade union organisation: Best practice of Austrian trade unions

Oliver Röpke, Head of the Brussels Office of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB), Member of European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Discussion

12.00 – 12.30

Closing of the conference / conclusions and recommendations

Pēteris Krīgers, President of Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS)

Patrick Itschert, Deputy General Secretary of the ETUC

12.30 – 13.00

Lunch/ departure