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Bulgarian Presidency of the
Council of the European Union



Group II - Workers' Group

EXTRAORDINARY WORKERS' GROUP MEETING

21-22 June 2018

The Governmental Residence Boyana, Triaditsa hall
16 Vitoshko Lale Street, Sofia

AGENDA

1 st day - 21 June	
2.30 p.m.	<i>Welcome coffee + registration</i>
3 p.m.	Welcome address – Gabriele BISCHOFF , Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC
3.10 p.m.	Opening speech - Oleg PETKOV , Deputy Minister of the Bulgarian EU Presidency
3.30 p.m.	"Social goals of the Bulgarian EU Presidency – achievements and future challenges" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention by – Sultanka PETROVA, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy – Plamen DIMITROV, President of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions, Group II member – Dimitar MANOLOV, President of the PODKREPA Confederation of Labour, Group II member Debate
5 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
5.15 p.m.	"Benchmarking Europe 2018" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by – Philippe POCHET, General Director of the European Trade Union Institute Debate
6.15 p.m.	Closing remarks – Gabriele BISCHOFF , Workers' Group President – EESC
6.30 p.m.	<i>End of the 1st part of the meeting</i>

2nd day – 22 June	
9.30 a.m.	<p>"United we stand strong"</p> <p>Foreign Policy and Social-Economic Developments Through the Prism of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention by – Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA, Deputy Prime Minister for Judicial Reform and Minister of Foreign Affairs <p>Debate</p>
10.30 a.m.	<p>"Working Europe and European Pillar of Social Rights" – part I</p> <p>Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights: what is needed to guarantee a positive social impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the study by – Sebastiano SABATO, Researcher, European Social Observatory <p>Debate</p>
11.30 a.m.	<i>Press point</i>
12 a.m.	<p>"Working Europe and European Pillar of Social Rights" – part II</p> <p>Wage inequalities in EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intervention by – Lyuben TOMEV, Director of ISTUR – Vanya GRIGOROVA, Economic adviser of ISETUR <p>Debate</p>
12.45 p.m.	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Gabriele BISCHOFF, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC
1 p.m.	End of the meeting

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