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Programme for the Conference

19 - 20 November 2009

Presidency Conference on Partnership and the Social Dialogue within the ESF

The aim of this conference is to develop work concerning partnership and social dialogue within the European Social Fund (ESF) in EU Member States.

Following the opening ceremony the first day participants will be offered an opportunity to exchange experiences through eight parallel workshops. Different stakeholders will give examples from Member States and discuss how working in partnership and social dialogue can contribute to positive project results.

The second day will start with keynote speeches from Mr Vladimír Špidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and high representatives of social partners on European and national level. Speeches will be followed by a panel discussion about the role of partnership and social dialogue in order to develop the ESF, taking into account the conclusions from the workshops.

Representatives of the European Commission and the Swedish government will open and close the conference.

THURSDAY, the 19th November 2009

14:00 - 14:45 Opening speeches

Opening by

Ms Lenia Samuel Deputy Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and
Equal Opportunities

Ms Eva Uddén Sonnegård Secretary of state, Ministry of Employment, Sweden
Ms Åsa Lindh Director General, The Swedish ESF-Council

15:00 - 16:30 Parallel workshops

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30 Workshops (repetition)

Parallel workshops- repetition of morning session

20:00 - Dinner and entertainment



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FRIDAY 20th November 2009

09:00 - 09:45 Keynote speeches

Keynote speeches from

Mr Vladimír Špidla	European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Etuc Business Europe
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09:45 - 10:15 Conclusions from the workshops

Ms Leda Stott	Consultant Cross Sector Partnerships
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10:15 - 12:00 Panel discussion on Partnership and Social Dialogue within ESF

Moderator:

Mr Göran Rosenberg	International journalist
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Panel:

Prof. Tony Huzzard	Lund University
Prof Lars Magnusson	Uppsala University
Mr Roger Mörtvik	The Swedish Confederation for Professional Employees
Ms Eva Nordmark (prel)	Swedish Union for Local Government Officers
Mr Jan Olsson	The Employers Organisation KFO

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 - 13:30 Social Dialogue and the Lisbon Process – Concluding remarks

Prof. Lars Magnusson	Uppsala University
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13:30 - 14:00 Closing

Ms Åsa Lindh	Director General, The Swedish ESF-Council
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14:00 - 15:00 Lunch



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The Workshops

Eight workshops with different topics are going to take place in parallel where member states' best practice projects are presented and discussed. The same eight workshops will be held repeatedly between 15:00- 16:30 and between 17:00-18:30.

Workshop 1

Active and preventive measures to support employment

Project examples:

Adaptability grant scheme under Human Resources Development Operational Programme- Bulgaria
Project Westgrowth- Sweden

Workshop 2

Capacity building among social partners

Project examples:

Capacity building for social partners- Poland
How ESF Managing Authorities and Intermediate Bodies Support Partnership, Community of Practice (CoP) on Partnership in the ESF

Workshop 3

Employment and training support for workers and companies

Project examples:

Promotion of employees' further training- Germany
Work Place Learning as a Justification for Social Dialogue- National Thematic Network- Workplace learning- Sweden

Workshop 4

Improving equal access to employment

Project examples:

Agreeable- Finland
Social Enterprise- Sweden

Workshop 5

Increasing migrants' participation in employment

Project examples:

Bothnia Work- Finland
Strengthening of economic immigrants and refugees in the job market- Greece

Workshop 6

More innovative and productive ways of working

Project examples:

NETIMM- Creating SMEs networks- innovative method to increase the competitiveness and the adaptability of Romanian SME's- Romania
Accessible Workplaces and Labour Market- Sweden

Workshop 7

Partnerships, networks and initiatives

Project examples:

Territorial Employment Pacts in Austria: Implementing the Partnership principle within ESF on the regional level- Austria
Competence Centres- French-Speaking Belgium



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Workshop 8

Project examples:

Promoting education and training throughout working life

Qualification for unemployed people without a recognised profession- Saxon State Ministry for Economy and Labour, Germany
KZY Competence development- Sweden