

New Skills for New Jobs in the Western Balkans?

Draft Conference Agenda
Sarajevo, 12-13 July, 2012

Thursday, 12 July, 2012

Venue: Hotel Bristol

09.00 - 09.20 Conference Opening

Jelica Minić, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat

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Theme 1: Western Balkans Country Experiences in Skills Gaps Analysis

All countries in the region recognize the existing mismatch between the skills the education and training systems provide and the current and future needs of the market. At different level, there exist initiatives that attempt to analysis skills gaps and address the need. Country representatives are invited to share with the participants at least one good national, local or sector example of skills gap analysis/matching skills demand and supply.

09.20 - 11.40 Country government presentations

11.40 - 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 - 13.00 Views of social partners

Discussion and Q&A

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

Theme 2: International best practice in methodologies for skills gap analysis

International partners will explain their work and methodologies for skills gap analysis. Special attention will be dedicated to the discussion on how countries and international partners can work together to jointly address skills gaps issues from a regional perspective.

14.00 - 15.30 International Organizations' Perspectives

- Dr. Lizzi Feiler, European Training Foundation
- Ms. Lejla Tanovic, International Labor Office
- Ms. Kathrin Höckel, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Ms. Almedina Music, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

Discussion and Q&A

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break

Theme 3: Evidence based policy making for employment generation and skills provision

This session will discuss how improved data and increased research on social development topics can contribute to better evidence based policy making. Researchers will present their findings from research in this area. Participants will discuss challenges and opportunities for establishing a workforce information network and setting up closer linkages between policy makers, social partners and the research community.

16.00 - 17.00 Expert presentations

- Dr. Will Bartlett, LSEE
- Dr. Teo Matkovic, LSEE
- Ms. Sanja Crnkovic Pozaic, Consultant

Discussion and Q&A

17.00 - 17.30 Open discussions

20.00 - Dinner

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Theme 4: Discussion on the Social Agenda 2020 for the Western Balkans

RCC has started interaction with the countries towards setting up a long term social development vision and action plan for the WB countries in line with Europe 2020 strategy. In this context, participants will discuss the context and potential of establishing regional social priorities, headline targets and measurable indicators agreed in the context of a long term social development agenda for the Western Balkans.

09.00 - 09.20 RCC presentation

09.20 - 10.30 Tour de table of government representatives

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30 Views of social partners and international organizations

Discussion

12.30 - 13.00 Conclusions and Closing Remarks