

INVITATION

Brussels, 26/06/2018

Dear Colleagues,

The European social partners, ETUC, BusinessEurope, CEEP, UEAPME would like to invite you to participate in their:

Seminar on “Reinforcing the European social dialogue and industrial relations”

For social partners of: France – Romania – Slovakia – The Netherlands

20-21 September 2018

Venue hotel Tatra, Námestie 1. mája 5, Bratislava, Slovakia

Background

Building on the 27 June 2016 statement of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the European Commission and the European Social Partners on “A New Start For The Social Dialogue”, BusinessEurope, CEEP, UEAPME and ETUC are committed to follow-up on the need to discuss further the interplay between the European and national social dialogues, the needs and challenges of social partners organisations in changing economies and societies, including capacity building, and the relevance of the European social dialogue in the context of further coordination of economic and social policies.

In this context, the European social partners’ secretariats aim to gather national social partners in cluster seminars to foster discussions and a better understanding of national situations and needs. The seminars will also encourage discussions between social partners to find solutions and means to adapt their working methods, instruments and the labour market institutions, including promoting the role and relevance of collective bargaining.

Objectives of the seminar

- Present the latest outcomes of the European social dialogue and ongoing topics discussed at European level with national affiliates;
- Increase knowledge of social dialogue and collective bargaining at national level in a comparative and proactive way, with separate workshops and reporting sessions;
- Foster a common understanding of the role and contribution of social partners at both European and national levels;
- Further identify capacity building needs as a way to achieve strong, representative, autonomous and mandated social partners organisations with the capacities needed to negotiate, thereby improving governance and policy making outcomes;
- Monitor the implementation and follow-up of European social dialogue instruments.

Practical organisation

This seminar will gather **social partners** from **Slovakia, France, Romania and the Netherlands**.

There should be a balance between trade union and employer delegations, and organisations should take gender balance into account when nominating participants. There are approximately **40 places available**:

- **20 participants for employer's representatives (5 per country)**
- **20 participants for trade union's representatives (5 per country)**

Interpretation will be available in **English, French, Romanian and Slovak**.

Travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed after the event, please read carefully the registration and reimbursement instructions.

The ETUC is in charge of the practical organisation on behalf of all European social partners.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Complete the online registration before 10/09/2018. If you have any questions or experience difficulties, do not hesitate to contact Ms Inès Derousselle (iderousselle@etuc.org or +32 2 22 40 531).

Once registered and once your participation is confirmed by the organisers, please book directly your travel and accommodation.

A number of rooms with the special price of **90 €** per night have been set aside for this event. After **01/08/2018** the rooms not used will go back to the hotel availability with a normal price. We therefore encourage you to book your hotel room before that date. **Accommodation costs will be refunded after the event upon receipt of an invoice.**

In all cases, participants are responsible for their own room reservation, guarantee and cancelation or no show.

Should you require any further clarification about this invitation or the Integrated Programme and its activities, please do not hesitate to contact your European social partner organisation (below).

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We look forward to your active participation in this seminar.

Yours faithfully,

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