

INVITATION

Brussels, 20 December 2018

Dear Sir, Madam,

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

Joint Conference on “Promoting and reinforcing the EU social dialogue”

6 February 2019

Thon Hotel EU

Rue de la Loi 75, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium

With this conference, the European social partners wish to present the new European Social Dialogue Work Programme for 2019-2021 to member organisations, EU institutions, Member States and relevant stakeholders.

This conference will enable EU and national social partners to discuss and review the main challenges they face for an effective EU social dialogue. It will focus on discussing the priorities of the 2019-2021 Work-Programme, such as digitalisation and improving the performance of labour markets and social systems. It will build on the outcomes of recent joint projects of the European social partners, on the European Social Fund better supporting capacity building of social partner organisations and on employee training.

This sixth autonomous work programme of the European Social Partners contains the bi-partite activities on the issues which social partners decided to address jointly in the coming years, and which also supports the objectives of the 2016 quadri-partite statement on “A New Start for Social Dialogue^[1]”.

Practical organisation

We have approximately **120 places available for social partners:**

- **60 participants for employer’s representatives**
- **60 participants for trade union’s representatives**

Participants will also include Member States representatives.

Interpretation will be available in **English, French, German, Polish and Italian.**

Please note that there should be a balance between trade union and employer delegations, as well as geographical and gender balance when nominating participants.

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

[1] <http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=15738&langId=en?>





REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

>> **Step 1:** 1) Complete the online registration **by 18 January:**

<http://erc-online.eu/events/conference-promoting-and-reinforcing-the-eu-social-dialogue/>

If you have any questions or experience difficulties, do not hesitate to contact Ms Alexandra Luchie by email (aluchie@businesseurope.eu) or by phone (Tel. +32 2 237 65 67)

>> **Step 2:** Once you receive confirmation from us, book your hotel room individually. A preferential rate of 140 euros (bed and breakfast) is available at the Thon Hotel EU for the nights of 5 February and 6 February, subject to general availability. In case there are participants who need to stay two nights in Brussels, please note that you need our approval in advance. Reservations can be made via the following link: <https://www.thonhotels.com/event/business-europe/>.

*Whether you stay at the Thon Hotel EU or another one, the maximum amount that can be reimbursed as an accommodation and subsistence allowance is €140. This allowance can only be provided for a maximum of one overnight stay. **Accommodation costs will be refunded after the event upon receipt of an invoice and a completed reimbursement form (see separate attachment).***

Should you require any further clarification about the conference or the project activities to date, please do not hesitate to contact your European social partner organisation:

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We look forward to your active participation in this joint conference.

Yours faithfully,

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