



**DRAFT**

**HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE**  
**“SOCIAL ECONOMY – FOR ECONOMICALLY SUSTAINABLE**  
**AND SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE EU”**

***16-17 April 2018, Sofia***

***Boyana Residence, Triaditsa Hall, Boyana Quarter, 16 Vitoshko Lale Str.***

**Working languages** – BG/ EN/ FR/  (Gestural sign with the meaning “translator”)

**Overall moderator:** Denis Stokkink, founder and President of POUR LA SOLIDARITÉ

**16 April 2018**

**Venue:** *Boyana Residence, Triaditsa Hall, Boyana Quarter, 16 Vitoshko Lale Str.*

8:15 – 8:45            Registration and welcome coffee

8:45 – 9:15            Official opening ceremony<sup>1</sup>

- **Biser Petkov**, Minister of Labour and Social Policy, the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)
- **Marianne Thyssen**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility (tbc)
- **Elżbieta Bieńkowska**, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, (video message) (tbc)
- **Hasan Ademov**, Chairperson, Committee on Labour, Social and Demographic Policy, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Juan Antonio Pedreño Frutos**, President of Social Economy Europe (tbc)

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<sup>1</sup> 5 min folklore program before the official speeches

9:15 – 10:15

**Panel 1: Social economy ecosystem**

**Moderator: Ariane Rodert**, European Economic and Social Committee

**Keynote speakers:**

- **Nicolas Schmit**, Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg
- **Tadej Slapnik**, State Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Ulla Engelmann**, Head of Unit F2 – Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship, DG GROW, the European Commission
- **Tony Thompson**, Country Manager for Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia, the World Bank

Questions and answers

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee break

10:30 – 11:15

**Social economy ecosystem – good practices from Central and Eastern Europe**

**Moderator: Peter Ptashko**, Director of Global Social Entrepreneurship Network

**Keynote speaker:**

- **Sultanka Petrova**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, the Republic of Bulgaria – “Instruments and support of social economy”

**Panellists:**

- **Stefan Krastev**, **VISION** Software for the colour blinded
- **Nena Dokuzov**, Association Social Economy Slovenia
- **NESsT**, Social entrepreneurship actor
- **Veselin Penchev**, Head of Public Affairs for Eurasia Region, Up Group

Questions and answers

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

**Panel 2: Pillars of social rights and social economy**

**Moderator: Patrick Develtere**, Principal Adviser on European Social Policy, European Political Strategy Centre, the European Commission

**Panellists:**

- **Ann Branch**, Acting Director for Skills, DG EMPL, the European Commission
- **Kélig Puyet**, Director, Social Platform
- **Giuseppe Guerini**, President of CECOP - CICOPA Europe
- **Luca Visentini**, ETUC General Secretary
- **Emma Marcegaglia**, President of Business Europe

Questions and answers

**12:30 – 12:45**

**Family Photo**

13:00 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 15:15

**Ministerial round table**

**Moderator: Zornitsa Roussinova**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy, the Republic of Bulgaria

**Introductory words: Biser Petkov**, Minister of Labour and Social Policy, the Republic of Bulgaria

**Letter of intent** – discussion

Questions, answers, comments

15:30 – 16:00

**Bus transfer to the Seventh European Forum on Social Entrepreneurship – Hotel „Marinela”, EFE Hall, Sofia, 100 James Bourchier Boulevard**

**16:00 – 18:00**

**Official opening of the Seventh European Forum on Social Entrepreneurship**

The Seventh European Forum on Social Entrepreneurship presents social enterprises from Bulgaria and abroad. The aim is to promote their activities, promote the environment and stimulate opportunities for networking and partnerships, as well as exchange of experience and good practice. After visiting the Fair the participants of the Conference and visitors will have the opportunity to discuss and share their opinion and ideas.

Official speeches:

- **Boyko Borissov**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria (tbc)
- **Marianne Thyssen**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility (tbc)
- **Hasan Ademov**, Chairperson, Committee on Labor, Social and Demographic Policy, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Yordanka Fandakova**, Mayor of Sofia Municipality, the Republic of Bulgaria

19:30 – 22:00

Dinner

## **17th April 2018**

**Venue:** *Boyana Residence, Triaditsa Hall, Boyana Quarter, 16 Vitoshko Lale Str.*

9:00 – 9:15

**Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society (video message)

9:15 – 10:30

### **Panel 3: The future of social economy**

**Moderator: Diana Dovgan**, Secretary General, CECOP-CICOPA Europe and CICOPA

#### **Panellists:**

- **Stavroula Demetriades**, Senior Research Manager, Employment Unit, Eurofound
- **Maurice Grinberg**, Co-founder, Chair of the Board, ASSIST – Assistive Technologies Foundation, the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Sebastien Paule**, Social Innovation director, SMART cooperative
- **Simplon.Co** (Fr)
- **Emiliyan Kadiyski**, Co-founder of Vratsa Software Community

Questions and answers

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45

**Panel 4: "Scale me up" - the change of scale of social economy**

**Moderator: Prof. Lalko Dulevski**, President of the Economic and Social Council, the Republic of Bulgaria

**Panellists:**

- **Christine Spornbauer**, Acceleration Coach, Impact Hub Network
- **Aurélie Mexandeau**, Administration and Communication Manager, URSCOP – LR
- **Yurii Valkovski**, Country Manager Bulgaria, Reach for Change Foundation
- **Stilian Balasopulov**, President of National Union of Worker Producers Co-operatives, the Republic of Bulgaria

11:45 – 13:00

**Panel 5 – Social economy and territorial development**

**Moderator: Dorotea Daniele**, DIESIS

**Panellists:**

- **Peter Wolkowinski**, Lead Expert, URBACT Network Boosting Social Innovation BoostInno
- **Patricia Andriot**, GECES member and Vice-president of RTES
- **National association of municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria**
- **Patrick Klein**, DG GROW Unit F2 – Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship, the European Commission
- **Juan Hernández**, Regional Minister for Economic Development, Tourism and Employment of the Region of Murcia, Spain

13:00 – 13:15

**Closing the conference and summarizing the results**

13:15 – 14:15

Lunch