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Extraordinary meeting of Workers' Group (Group II) of European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) "For social investment plan in Europe – contribution of the Latvian Presidency"

Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga

Journalists are welcome to participate in the sessions mentioned below.

Live stream of the Seminar will be available on <http://eu2015.lv/news/watch-live>

All media related questions and interview requests shall be communicated via sanita.birkenfelde@ibas.lv, +371 29383038 by 31 March.

Please note that only accredited media will be allowed to enter the venue: <https://eu2015.lv/media-eu/accreditation>. Questions on media accreditation: mediaaccreditation@es2015.lv

MEDIA PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 1 April

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| 8:30 | Media Centre opens |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Opening session:
Welcome address by <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Georges Dassis, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC- H.E. Ms Laimdota Straujuma, Prime Minister of Latvia <i>Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1st floor</i> |
| 9:00 – 11:00 | Employment-oriented investment plan
<i>Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1st floor</i>

Interventions by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Uldis Augulis, Minister for Welfare- Ms Aija Barča, Member of the Parliament of Latvia (Saeima), Chairperson of the Social and Employment Committee- Mr Steven Tobin, Senior Economist of the ILO Research Department Debate |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Available time for interviews with experts
Georges Dassis, Workers' Group President – EESC
Pēteris Krīgers, President of Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS), Member of Workers' Group – EESC
Józef Niemiec, Deputy General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation
Valdis Keris, Chairman of Trade Union of Health and Social Care Employees of Latvia (LVSADA) |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | Priorities and programme of the Latvian Presidency – midterm review
<i>Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1st floor</i>

Interventions by representatives of the Government and Parliament: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs |



- Mr Armands Krauze, Member of the Parliament of Latvia (Saeima), Deputy Chairman of the European Affairs Committee

Interventions by representatives of the social partners and other Latvian organisations:

- Mr Pēteris Krīgers, President of Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS), Member of Group II - EESC
- Mr Vitālijs Gavrilovs, President of Employers' Confederation of Latvia (LDDK), Member of Group I - EESC
- Mr Andris Gobiņš, President of the European Movement in Latvia, Member of Group III - EESC

13:00 – 14:30

Available time for interviews with experts

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14:30

Media Centre closes