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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"

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Wednesday, 1 April 2015

- 08.00 Registration  
*Venue: Accreditation Centre, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*
- 08.00 Welcome coffee  
*Venue: Atrium, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*
- 09.00-9.30 Opening session:  
Welcome address by
- Mr Georges Dassis, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC
  - H.E. Ms Laimdota Straujuma, Prime Minister of Latvia
- Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*  
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- 09.00-11.00 Employment-oriented investment plan:  
Interventions by
- 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
- Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*  
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- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break  
*Venue: Atrium, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*
- 11.30-13.00 Priorities and programme of the Latvian Presidency – midterm review:  
Interventions by representatives of the Government and Parliament
- 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

Debate

*Venue: Ziedonis Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

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13.00-14.30

Lunch

*Venue: Restaurant, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

14.30-17.00

Involvement of social partners in European economic governance

Interventions by

- Mr Józef Niemiec, Deputy General Secretary of ETUC

- Mr János Vártes, Employers' Group (Group I) - EESC

Presentation of two studies by:

- Ms Raita Karnīte, Director of Economic Prognosis Centre (SIA "EPC")

Debate

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17.00-17.30

Conclusions and recommendations

- Mr Georges Dassis, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC

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