

Invitation

Europe as the best place to work and conduct business. Priorities for the new EU cycle in the fields of employment and social affairs

Hosted by Jarosław Duda



When: Wednesday 19 February 2020

Time: 9.30 - 11.30 (registration from 9.00)

Where: European Parliament, room JAN6Q1

Welcome to a seminar discussing how to secure long-term growth and employment across the EU to level out differences in social and economic conditions. European businesses are committed to making Europe the best place to work and conduct business. A cohesive and well-functioning internal market is essential for growth. However, the unique conditions and opportunities of each member state should be respected.

Skills: The lack of appropriate skills is a large obstacle to growth in the EU/EEA. As workers' tasks change with the emergence of new technologies and most recent demands, so does the need to adapt skills. Reskilling and life-long learning will become crucial aspects.

Social dialogue: Active participation of the social partners leads to inclusive agreements balancing social and economic considerations. It ensures the continuous support and ownership from both sides of the labour market.

European Semester: The EU should be a catalyst for national reforms supporting growth and job creation. The European Semester and country-specific recommendations should focus on achieving high levels of employment and on enforcing the existing rules to create a level playing field for growth.

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Agenda:

09.00 - 09.30

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Opening remarks by MEP Jarosław Duda (EPP), EMPL Committee

09.40 - 09.55

Opening speech by Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner on Jobs and Social Rights (tbc)

09.55 - 10.10

What are our priorities? A brief outline by:

Anne Louise Aartun Bye, Director, Department for Labour Market and Social Affairs, NHO

10.10 - 11.10

Moderated panel discussion followed by Q&A with

- **Manuela Geleng**, Director in charge of Skills, DG Employment
- **Esther Lynch**, Confederal Secretary, ETUC
- **Grzegorz Baczewski**, DG, Polish Confederation Lewiatan
- **MEP Marianne Vind** (S&D), EMPL Committee
- **Caroline Söder**, Managing Director, Employment Transition Fund (TSL)

11.10 - 11.20

Closing remarks by MEP Jarosław Duda

Best regards,

The Polish Confederation Lewiatan

Confederation of Danish Employers (DA)

Confederation of Swedish Enterprise (SN)

Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO)

Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA)