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## INVITATION

Brussels, 3 September 2018

Dear Sir or Madam, Dear Colleagues,

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

### **SEMINAR "PROMOTING AND REINFORCING SOCIAL DIALOGUE"**

For candidate countries: ALBANIA – FYROM – MONTENEGRO – SERBIA  
4-5 October 2018

*Hotel CentreVille, Cetinjska 7, The Capital Plaza, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro*

#### **Background**

In the context of their past work programmes the European social partners have organised seminars in EU and candidate countries with the aim of promoting and reinforcing social dialogue. In the framework of their current cycle of capacity building projects, they have decided to dedicate a seminar solely to promoting and reinforcing social dialogue in selected candidate countries.

#### **Seminar objectives**

- Presenting and discussing the state-of-play of the EU cross-industry social dialogue
- Presenting and discussing the regional Declaration on *"Transparent Social Dialogue as a Prerequisite to Healthy and Sustainable Economic and Social Development in the Region"* by the national social partners;
- Informing participants about relevant case studies from Croatia (newest EU Member State) and other EU Member States;
- Giving advice on budget lines and on how social partners can submit a proposal and / or run a joint project.

Representatives of the European Commission and/or the International Labour Organisation will also be invited as guest speakers.

The seminar will be structured around separate employers and trade unions' group meetings, also separate meetings by country, and plenary meetings.

#### **Practical organisation**

This seminar will gather **social partners from Albania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.**

We have approximately **50 reimbursed places available:**

- **25 participants for employer's representatives (+/-6 per country)**
- **25 participants for trade union's representatives (+/-6 per country)**

There should be a balance between trade union and employer delegations, and organisations should take gender balance into account when nominating participants.

Interpretation will be available in English, Montenegrin and Albanian.

Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered, please read carefully the registration and reimbursement instructions found in the registration form.

BusinessEurope is in charge of the practical organisation of this event on behalf of all European social partners.

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### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

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>> **Step 1: Register online as soon as possible** (before 21 September 2018) using the link below:

<http://www.erc-online.eu/events/seminar-promoting-and-reinforcing-social-dialogue-for-albania-fyrom-montenegro-serbia/>

*If you have any questions or experience difficulties, do not hesitate to contact Ms Alexandra Luchie ([a.luchie@businesseurope.eu](mailto:a.luchie@businesseurope.eu))*

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>> **Step 2: Once registered with us, you should reserve your hotel room as soon as possible online at:**

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=74899&Chain=21065&promo=BUSINESSEU>

*A number of rooms (single use) have been set aside for this event. After 21 September all unreserved rooms will be released from the booking and cannot be guaranteed. **The participant is responsible for making his/her room reservation, guarantee and cancellation.** Any fees incurred by the organisers from late cancellations/no shows will be invoiced to the participant's organisation. Please see travel and accommodation policy found in the registration form.*

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Should you require any further clarification about this invitation or the Integrated Projects and its activities, please do not hesitate to contact your European social partner organisation (below).

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We look forward to your active participation in this seminar.

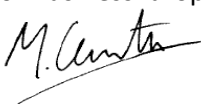
Yours faithfully,

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