

INVITATION

Brussels, 8 February 2018

Dear Sir, Madam,

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

“The Role of the ESF in Capacity Building of Social Partners”

The conference will take place on the **9th March 2018 in Brussels, at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Brussels Rue du Fossé aux Loups 47, 1000 Bruxelles.**

The conference will bring together social partner experts in the field of the ESF, as well as representatives from managing authorities and European policy makers. This conference follows two decentralised seminars which took place during 2017 in Prague and Rome.

A better use of the European Social Fund is essential to support the existence of well-structured bipartite social dialogue at all appropriate levels in the EU Member States, especially at local and regional levels. It can also play an important role to achieve better implementation of social dialogue outcomes. This conference comes at a critical moment in the discussions on the post-2020 Multi-annual Financial Framework.

During the seminar the European social partner organisations will present a draft report as well as recommendations on the future use of the ESF for capacity building of social partners at national level.

The working languages will be **English, German, French, Italian, Polish and Spanish.**

The ETUC is in charge of the organisation of this event on behalf of all European social partners. Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered. **Please read carefully the instructions on the attached reimbursement form for more details concerning travel and accommodation.**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

>> Step 1: Complete the online registration **by 2 March:**

[<< REGISTRATION LINK >>](#)

If you have any questions or experience difficulties, do not hesitate to contact Ms Inès Derousselle by email (iderousselle@etuc.org) or by phone (Tel. +32 2 2240 531)

>> Step 2: Once you receive confirmation from us, book your hotel room individually at one of the hotels mentioned in the attached list of hotels.

*Regardless of the hotel room which you choose, the maximum rate which can be reimbursed is €140 per night, for a maximum of two nights. **Accommodation costs will be refunded after the event upon receipt of an invoice and a completed reimbursement.***

Should you require any further clarification about the conference or the project activities to date, please do not hesitate to contact your European social partner organisation:

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We look forward to your active participation in this joint conference.

Yours faithfully,

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