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## EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

SOCIAL ECONOMY AS AN EFFECTIVE MODEL FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION  
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP, SOCIAL SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT

International Hotel, Golden Sands Resort, Varna, Bulgaria  
14-15 JUNE 2018

# PROGRAMME

### 13 June 2018 (Wednesday)

14:00-18:00 Project development workshop (EN)

### 14 June 2018 (Thursday)

08:00-09:00 Registrations

09:00-10:10 Welcome Panel (EN/BG)

**Moderator:** Mr. **Georgi Georgiev**, President of the National Alliance for Social Responsibility (NASO)

- Mr. **James Crowe**, President of EASPD
- Mr. **Biser Petkov**, Minister of Labour & Social Policy of Bulgaria
- Mr. **Hasan Ademov**, Member of the 44th Bulgarian National Assembly and Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Labour and Social Policy
- Ms. **Silvia Georgieva**, Executive Director of the National Association of the Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria (NAMRB)
- Mr. **Ivan Portnih**, Mayor of Varna Municipality

10:10-10:30 Introduction to the Topic and Structure by the Conference Moderator (EN/BG)

- Mr. **Franz Wolfmayr**, EASPD - Moderator of the Conference
- Ms. **Sultanka Petrova**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy in charge of social

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economy affairs

10:30-11:15 **Setting the Scene (EN/BG)**

**What is social economy? Challenges & opportunities**

- Mr. **Meelis Joost**, International Director of the Estonian Chamber of Disabled People; Expert on the social economy issues and also Member of the Social Economy Category (SEC) of the EESC

**Social economy enterprises, a tool for social inclusion of persons with disabilities**

- Mr. **Cristian Rovira**, Vice President of the National Confederation of Special Employment Centres (CONACEE)

**Social economy enterprises as a tool for social inclusion**

- Ms. **Rositsa Dimitrova**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy

11:15-12:00 **Exhibition (EN/BG)**

**Moderator:** Mr. **Franz Wolfmayr**, EASPD - Moderator of the Conference

11:30-12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00-13:00 **Social Economy and Mainstreaming Disability - State of Play (EN/BG)**

**Moderator:** Ms. **Patricia Scherer** - Deputy Director of Public Affairs in charge of European Relations (NEXEM)

**Keynote Speaker**

**The social business initiative - State of play, added value, future challenges in Europe**

- Ms. **Dana Gabriela Verbal**, Policy Officer, Social Entrepreneurship, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Unit Job Creation, European Commission

**Panel Discussion**

**Why do we think social economy enterprises are employment and social inclusion opportunities for persons with disabilities?**

- Ms. **Kathrin Völker**, Executive Director of the German Federal Association of Sheltered Workshops (BAG:WfbM)
- Ms. **Donka Mihailova**, Mayor of Troyan Municipality and Deputy Chairperson of the National Association of the Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria (NAMRB)
- Ms. **Maureen Piggot**, Vice-President of the European Disability Forum
- Ms. **Anna Lupi**, Unit on Public Procurement Strategy, DG GROW – Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

13:00-14:15 **Lunch**

14:15-15:30 **Parallel Workshops Block 1 (EN/BG)**

- Social economy and the employment of persons with support needs
- Social economy actors as innovative economic organisational structures



- Social economy as a contributor to a sustainable society and well-being for all
- Social economy as a contributor to inclusion and diversity in society
- Supporting rural community development through the social economy
- Employment in social enterprises to empower persons with disabilities and improve quality of life - the role of municipalities in Bulgaria
- Social enterprises and the transformation of sheltered workshops towards the social economy
- Public procurement to support the social economy

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:15 **Parallel Workshops Block 2 (EN/BG)**

- **Repetition of Block 1 (8 WSs)**

20:15-24:00 **Gala Dinner. NASO National Awards Ceremony for contribution to the social development of Bulgaria**

**15 June 2018 (Friday)**

9:00-09:30 **Presentation of Workshop Results** in the Exhibition Room

09:30-10:30 **Legislative Frameworks and Funding of Social Economy in Europe (EN/BG)**

**Moderator:** Ms. **Ingrid Pammer**, Vocational & Social Pedagogue BBRZ

#### **Keynote Presentation**

##### **Social inclusion in rural development – challenges and opportunities**

- Ms. **María Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa**, DG Agriculture – Rural Development, Deputy Head of the Unit responsible for “Social Inclusion”, European Commission

#### **Panel Discussion**

- Mr. **Arend Pieterse**, Board Member Equal Employment Europe
- Ms. **Silvia Manca**, Manager of Social Impact Programmes - Institutional Business Development, European Investment Fund (EIF)
- Mr. **Thomas Kergall**, Technical Advisor for Health at Council of Europe Development Bank
- Ms. **Zornitsa Rusinova**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy

#### **Q&A**

10:30-11:30 **National Legislative Frameworks – Promising Models in the EU (EN/BG)**

**Moderator:** Mr. **Fabrizio Fea**, Director of Associazione Scuola Viva onlus (ASVO); Vice-president of EASPD

#### **Keynote Speakers**

##### **National Legislative Framework in Slovenia**

- Ms. **Nena Dokuzov**, Senior Counsellor at the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology



### **National Legislative Framework in Italy**

- Mr. **Alberto Alberani**, Vice President of Legacoopsociali

### **National Legislative Framework in Belgium / Flanders**

- Mr. **Stef De Cock**, Senior Advisor at Groep Maatwerk

### **Q&A**

11:30-12:00 **Coffee break**

### **12:00-13:30 Parallel Workshops Block 3**

- Legislative framework & promising practice in Slovenia (EN)
- Legislative framework & promising practice in Italy (EN/FR)
- Legislative framework & promising practice in Belgium / Flanders (EN)
- The need for a legislative framework and its challenges in Bulgaria (BG)

13:30-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-15:30 **On the Way to a Declaration of Varna – Next Steps towards Socially Inclusive & Effective Social Economy Enterprises (EN/BG)**

### **Expert Panel**

**Moderator:** Mr. **Luk Zelderloo**, Secretary General of EASPD

- Ms. **Sultanka Petrova**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy in charge of social economy affairs
- Ms. **Sabina Lobato**, Director of Grants, Training and Employment Programmes at ONCE; Member of the Plenary of the Spanish High Council on Statistics; Vice-president of the European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)
- Ms. **Nadya Shabani**, Director of the Bulgarian Centre for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL)
- Ms. **Sabrina Ferraina**, Policy Manager of EASPD

15:30-15:45 **Closing the Conference (EN/BG)**

- EASPD President Mr. **James Crowe** together with NASO President Mr. **Georgi Georgiev**

16:00-18:00 **Meeting of EASPD Board (closed meeting)**

18:00-19:30 **Meetings of EASPD Interest Groups (closed meetings)**

### **16 June 2018 (Saturday)**

09:00-11:00 **Meetings of EASPD Standing Committees (closed meetings)**

11:30-13:30 **EASPD General Assembly (closed meeting)**

