



DEDICATED WORKING GROUP ON IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF LABOUR MARKETS AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS

3rd meeting: “Childcare provisions in the European Union”

17 September 2020

Virtual meeting

DRAFT Agenda

09h15 – 09h30

Connecting to meetings

09h30 - 10h00

Separate preparatory meetings: planning the day

10h00 - 10h20

Welcome, Introduction and lessons learned from Covid-19

Maxime Cerutti, BusinessEurope Social Affairs Director

Guillaume Affelat, CEEP Policy Advisor

Valentina Guerra, SMEunited Policy Advisor

Esther Lynch, ETUC Deputy General Secretary

10h20 – 11h10

EU policy to improve childcare provisions in Europe and to increase women’s participation in the labour market

Greet Vermeulen, Policy Officer, Gender Equality Unit, DG Justice
Presentation of the Gender Equality Strategy and the EU ambitions regarding childcare

Jiri Svarc, European Commission, DG Employment, Head of Unit Social Investment Strategy

Investing in children and funding in current and future MFF

Rait Kuuse, Chair of the Social Protection Committee (SPC), *European semester and country specific recommendations on childcare*

Discussion

11h10 - 11h30

Coffee break



11h30 – 12h45	<p>Investing to improve availability and affordability of childcare services, as well as quality of jobs in the sector</p> <p>Chris Clarke, Economist, OECD, <i>presentation on success factors and challenges when implementing childcare infrastructures development strategies</i></p> <p>Alexia Vella - Representative from JobsPlus, Malta, <i>Results achieved through the Free Childcare Scheme</i></p> <p>Darragh O'Connor, Head of Strategic Organising at SIPTU, Ireland</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12h45-13h45	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
14h00-14h45	<p>Barcelona targets, past, present and future</p> <p>Local authorities' representative</p> <p>Anna Ludwinek, Research Manager at Eurofound, <i>Presentation of the Study on afterschool hours childcare</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
14h45-15h30	<p>Social Partners and childcare provisions: what can be done?</p> <p>Minna Etu-Seppälä, Chair of BusinessEurope Equal Opportunities Network, Chemical Industry Federation of Finland</p> <p>Miriam Pinto Lomeña, Responsible of International Relations, Social Affairs Department, CEOE, Spain</p> <p>Jakob Embacher, Policy Assistant responsible for Childcare, EPSU</p> <p>Employees' representative</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15h30 - 16h00	<p>Separate meetings: taking stock of the discussions</p>
16h00 - 16h30	<p>Conclusions: Assessing the need for joint or coordinated Social Partners' proposals/actions</p> <p>Esther Lynch, ETUC Deputy General Secretary</p> <p>Guillaume Affelat, CEEP Policy Advisor</p> <p>Valentina Guerra, SMEunited Policy Advisor</p> <p>Maxime Cerutti, BusinessEurope Social Affairs Director</p>
16h30	<p><i>End of the meeting</i></p>

