



**New opportunities in the employment of young people and women in the  
Western Balkans**

**Conference  
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Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe**

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**Thursday, 17 September 2015**

9.00 - 10.00	Registration
10.00 - 10.30	<p>Opening of the Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Semiha BOROVIĆ, Minister of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>- Mr Damir DIZDAREVIĆ, Assistant Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>- Mr Régis BRILLAT, Head of the Department of the European Social Charter, DGI – Human Rights and Rule of Law – Council of Europe</li> <li>- Ms Mary Ann HENNESSEY, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> </ul>
Moderator: Ms Saliha ĐUDERIJA, Assistant Minister of Human Rights and Refugees, Bosnia and Herzegovina	
10.30 - 11.00	<p>The European Social Charter : Human Rights and Democratic Stability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Régis BRILLAT, Head of the Department of the European Social Charter, DGI – Human Rights and Rule of Law – Council of Europe</li> </ul>
11.00 - 11.30	<p>The Right to employment under the European Social Charter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Csilla KOLLONAY LEHOCZKY, European Committee of Social Rights</li> </ul>
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee break - Press Conference
12.00 - 12.15	<p>Young people and women in the labour market of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Željko RAJIC, Deputy Director of the Labour and Employment Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> </ul>
12.15 – 12.30	<p>The elimination of gender discrimination in the labour market and at work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Samra FILIPOVIĆ-HADZIABDIĆ, Director of the Agency for gender equality in Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> </ul>
12.30-13.00	<i>Discussion</i>
13.00-14.30	Lunch
Moderator: Ms Kika BABIĆ SVETLIN, Agency for gender equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina	
14.30 – 16.00	<p>Youth and women employment – The experience of other Western Balkan countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs Ranka PAVICEVIĆ, Department for Labour Market and Employment, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Montenegro</li> <li>- Mr Vladimir KRASIĆ, Labour Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, “the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”</li> <li>- Ms Danijela STOJANOVIĆ, Department for Employment, Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs, Serbia</li> </ul>

**Friday, 18 September 2015**

Moderator: Mr Nemanja MICIC , Labour and Employment Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina	
9.30 – 10.00	<p>Youth employment and the role of NGOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support youth businesses at the local level, Ms Amila DEDIC (Institute for Youth Development KULT)</li> <li>- Youth work empowers young people to work, Mr Miloš BLAGOJEVIC (Youth Council of the Republika Srpska)</li> <li>- Youth build future in Brcko District, Ms Jasmin JASAREVIC (Center for Youth Development PRONI)</li> </ul>
10.00 – 10.30	<p>Women employment and the role of NGOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discrimination in employment of women with disabilities and women from other marginalized groups, Ms Tanja MANDIC DJOKIC (Association of Women with Disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina)</li> <li>- Opportunities for the economic empowerment of women in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ms Dzenana ALADUZ (Organisation Infohouse)</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10.45	<p>Job Clubs: experiences from group counselling services for unemployed youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Representative of the Swiss Embassy based in Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> </ul>
10.45 – 11.00	<p>The role of the ILO in enhancing youth and women employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Mauricio Dierckxsens, Employment and Skills Specialist in the ILO Decent Work Team and Country office for Central and Eastern Europe</li> </ul>
11.00 – 11.15	<p>Tackling Youth and Female Employment in the Western Balkans: the UNDP experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Sheila MARINE and Ms. Vesna DZUTEVSKA BISEVA</li> </ul>
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.15	<i>Discussion</i>
12.15 – 12.30	<p>Concluding observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Karl-Friedrich BOPP, Secretary of the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security DGI – Human Rights and Rule of Law – Council of Europe</li> </ul>
	Lunch