Trade Unions and the Future of Work in the V4 Region

Draft Programme

November 2–4, 2026
Svidník, Slovakia

November 2

15:00
Arrival of participants

18:00
Visit to Europe Direct Svidník
Presentation of the Europe Direct Centre and its activities, followed by a discussion with the ED office director Peter REVICKÝ

19:00
Official Dinner with mayor of city Svidník

November 3

09:00 – 10:00
Participant registration

10:00 – 10:10
Welcome remarks
Monika UHLEROVÁ, president of KOZ SR
Tea JARC, ETUC Confederal Secretary

10:10 – 11:00
EU social and trade union agenda, ETUC priorities, preparations for the ETUC Congress and upcoming challenges and update of EESC Workers Group
Moderate by Monika UHLEROVÁ, with Tea JARC, ETUC Confederal Secretary and Lucie STUDNIČNÁ, President of the EESC Workers' Group

11:00 – 12:30
Update from V4 Countries: Social Policy, Collective Bargaining, Industrial Relations and Trade
Moderate by Martina NEMETHOVÁ, presentation of each delegation

12:30 – 14:00
Lunch

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14:00 – 15:30
Exchange on the current situation in Ukraine, key challenges for trade unions and workers, and priorities for cooperation and solidarity
Moderate by Miroslav HAJNOŠ, debate with delegation of FPU and KVPU
15:30 – 16:00
Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30
AI and Algorithmic Management / New opportunities for social partner participation
Expert presentation Daryn ZHOLDASBAY (CELSI) and discussion on how new policy issues create opportunities for social partner participation moderate by Miroslav HAJNOŠ, EESC reporter of opinion INT/1126 Cloud and AI Development Act.

17:30 – 18:00
Summary of the meeting
Monika UHLEROVÁ, president of KOZ SR

19:30
Official Dinner

November 4

9:00 – 11:30
Visit to Dukla Pass, an important historical site connected with the Carpathian-Dukla Operation of 1944

12:00
Departure of participants

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