

27th Steering Group Meeting of PA 9 – Agenda

Date: 7 November 2024 & 8 November 2024

Venue: Hotel Avala (2 Mediteranska, 85310 Budva, Montenegro)

Chair:

Roland Hanak, *Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy, Austria*

Day 1: Thursday, 7 November 2024

11.30 – 12.30	Registration and Light Lunch
12.30 – 12.45	Welcome and Introduction (Priority Area Coordinators) Adoption of the Agenda
12.45 – 13.50	State of Play EUSDR: News, Initiatives, and Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Austrian Presidency (Priority Area Coordinators) • News from the Upcoming Bosnian Presidency (Midhat Džemić, Directorate for European Integration of Council of Ministers, Bosnia and Herzegovina) • General Update from the European Commission (DG REGIO) (Elisa Cocco, DG REGIO) • Update from the Danube Strategy Point (Cristina Cuc, DSP)
13.50 – 14.20	Coffee Break
14.20 – 17:00	Member States' and Candidate Countries' Perspectives on Skills Policies in the European Semester / Economic Reform Programmes Facilities for Recovery, Reforms and Growth - Key elements, reporting obligations and implementation plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katia Berti, Head of Unit, European Semester, DG EMPL • Eva Masárová, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia • Luis Dessewffy, Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy, Austria • Fadil Zejnelagić, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Dialogue, Montenegro <p>Tour de Table (5 minutes per country)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which priorities and key policy measures on skills and competences are included in your country's relevant structural plans for reform, growth and resilience (e.g. National Reform Programmes, Economic Reform Programmes, National medium-term fiscal structural plans, Recovery and Resilience Plans, Reform Agendas within the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans etc.)? Which main challenges are to be addressed (e.g. within country-specific recommendation)? • Which frameworks and processes at national level do you have in place for the coordination of the development, implementation and reporting of these measures? • Do you think that any of the policy measures would be a good candidate ('best practice') for a mutual learning activity?
17.00	End of Day 1
18.30	Dinner

Day 2: Friday, 8 November 2024

8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.05	Welcome and Introduction of Day 2 (Priority Area Coordinators)
9.05 – 9.20	State of Play EUSDR: News, Initiatives, and Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from the Austrian Presidency (Roland Arbter, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management, Austria)
9.20 – 9.50	State of Play PAg: News, Initiatives, and Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Flagship “School Cooperation in the Danube Region” (eTwinning Initiative) Update from the ESF Network Short updates from Danube Region Countries Outlook 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Danube Region Monitor – People and Skills 13th PAg Stakeholder Conference Further Events PAg SG Decision Adoption of the Rolling PAg Work Programme
9.50 – 10.30	Updates from Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Training Foundation (Gordon Purvis, ETF) ERI SEE - Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (Tina Šarić, ERI SEE) Danube Youth Council (Gabriela Radkova, DYC)
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.45	The EUSDR post-2027: New European Commission Priorities and the Future of PAg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input on the New European Commission 2024-2029 and the EU Cohesion Policy post-2027 (PAC 9 Team) Open Discussion
11.45 – 12.00	AoB Conclusion and Next Steps (Priority Area Coordinators)
12.00	Lunch