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IOE International Organisation of Employers

Regional Workshop "Central Asia: Current challenges and strategic objectives"

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Participants: Representatives of PARYZ, member organisations, employers' umbrella organisations from Central Asia, representatives and experts of IOE, ILO, SOCIEUX+

DAY 1: Wednesday, 24 September	
13:30-14:00	Get together
14:00-14:30	**Opening** – Welcome of the participants (PARYZ, IOE, ILO) Brief introduction of the participants
14:30-16:00	***Session I*** *Presentations* **PARYZ – Employers' Associations of Kazakhstan: Sustainable development of social partnership**: Mr Kanybek Zhangbyrbayev, General Director **IOE – Current priorities and objectives**: Mr Pierre Vincensini, Special Adviser and Regional adviser for Europe and Central Asia and Ms Mohira Kurbanova, Governance Officer
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-18:00	***Session II*** *Presentations* **Update about the other associations**: **ASK** (Azerbaijan): Mr Samir Huseynzade, Deputy Secretary-General, Head of the Department of Law and Social Partnership **JIA** (Kyrgyzstan): Ms Gulnara Satybaldieva, Deputy Chairman of the Board **CEU** (Uzbekistan): Ms Eka Margishvili, Executive Director
18:45	Dinner
DAY 2: Thursday, 25 September	
10:00-12:00	***Session III*** *Exchange of experiences (online with other European partners)* **Current issues and problems of the activities of the Employers' Associations in Central Asia**: Mr Hans Manzke, Advisor in IOE • Organising cooperation between social partners at national, sectoral and company level • Shaping relations with other economic entities, especially the Chambers of commerce
12:00-12:30	Coffee break
12:30-14:00	***Session IV*** *Presentations and discussion* **Association development – Strategic issues and goals**: Mr Vladimir Curovic, Senior Specialist in Employers' Activities, ILO Country Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia **EU MS perspectives and experiences of cooperation with partner countries in social protection, labour and employment**: Ms Marzena Breza-Fugger, Principal Development and Technical Advisor, SOCIEUX+
14:00	Conclusion of the event Lunch