

## PROJECT “DECENT WORK FOR SOCIAL SECTOR EMPLOYEES IN LATVIA”

### PROJECT OPENING VIDEOCONFERENCE

Riga, 23 April 2020

*Work languages- English and Latvian*

#### 11.00 Opening remarks

- ✓ **Gints Kaminskis**, Chairman of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments
- ✓ **Kristian Ødegaard**, Ambassador of Norway to Latvia
- ✓ **Egils Baldzēns**, Chairman of the Latvian Free Trade Union Confederation

#### 11.15 Project overview – goal and planned activities

Project managers **Ligita Pudža** (Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments) and **Inese Lāčauniece** (Latvian Trade Union of Local Government Employees)

#### 11.30 Collective agreement as a result of social dialogue in social work. Benefits of the local government as the employer

**Alexander Henriksen**, Senior Adviser, KS

**Kari Hesselberg**, Head of Social Care and Health Department, Øvre-Eiker Municipality

#### 11.50 Social dialogue and cooperation – how to establish trust between the partners? The role and importance of trade unions

**Bjørn Pettersen**, Head of the restructuring unit, Norwegian Union of Municipal and General Employees (*Fagforbundet*)

#### 12.00 The role of social dialogue in respecting the principles of decent work in Europe

**Irēna Liepiņa** Deputy Chairperson of the Latvian Free Trade Union Confederation

#### 12.15 Social work environment in Latvia - challenges and solutions

**Ilze Kurme**, project manager of the ESF project “Development of professional social work in local governments” implemented by the Ministry of Welfare

#### 12.30 Social dialogue in Latvia - experience of local governments

**Liene Krūze**, Chairperson of the trade union organization of municipal employees in Ādaži Municipality

#### 12.45 Questions / Answers.

#### 13.00 End of the meeting