

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