



## European Conference

**”ESF+, a PLUS for our Future!”**

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Bucharest**

*The National Library of Romania (22 Unirii Boulevard)  
Mircea Eliade Hall*

### Draft Agenda

10 <sup>th</sup> April	
	Arrival of participants
19:00 - 22:00	Official dinner (including artistic program)
11 <sup>th</sup> April	
09:00 - 09:30	Participants registration / Welcome coffee
09:30 - 10:45	<p><b>Plenary opening session - Benefits of ESF investments for all Union citizens and ESF+ challenges.</b></p> <p><b>Welcome &amp; Opening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility ;</li><li>• Ms. Rovana Plumb, Minister of European Funds.</li></ul> <p><b>Conference Moderator: Ms. Gabriela Drăgan, Director General, European Institute of Romania.</b></p> <p><b>Key speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Adrian Marius Rîndunică, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Labour and Social Justice;</li><li>• Ms. Verónica Lope Fontagné, ESF+ rapporteur, Member of the European Parliament;</li><li>• Mr. André Viola, President of the Aude Departmental Council in France, on behalf of the Committee of the Regions;</li><li>• Mr. Krzysztof Balon, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC rapporteur on the ESF+);</li><li>• Ms. Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director Social Affairs, BusinessEurope;</li><li>• Ms. Helena Morais Maceira - Researcher on Gender Budgeting at the European Institute for Gender Equality.</li></ul>
10:45 - 11:15	Press conference
10:45 - 11:15	“Gender equality deserves more than 1%” (Helena Morais Maceira, EIGE)
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break

11:15 - 13:15	<p><b>Panel 1 - Opening of the ESF+ to the future by investing in young people (approach after 2020):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Investing in youth employment - a strategic priority for the ESF+;</i></li> <li>❖ <i>Promoting youth entrepreneurship and financial instruments opportunities.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Mihaela Toader, Secretary of State, the Ministry for European Funds</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Andriana Sukova, Deputy Director General, DG EMPL, European Commission;</li> <li>• Mr. Fons Leroy, PES Network Coordinator - Results of YEI implementation at EU level;</li> <li>• Ms. Claude Denagtergal, European Trade Union Confederation;</li> <li>• Mr. Marcel Dumitru Micău - General Secretary of the Romanian National Agency for Employment.</li> <li>• Ms. Lara Tassan Zanin, Head of the EIB Group Representation in Romania;</li> <li>• Ms. Ramona Ivan, Director, External Relations and Structural Financing Unit, CEC Bank Romania;</li> <li>• Ms. Marta Hernández Enríquez, EURoma Network;</li> <li>• Ms. Tuija Kautto, Co-ordinator of the highly innovative Integrated Guidance Service for young people in Finland (Ohjaamo)</li> <li>• Ms. Caroline van der Linden, ESF Agency Wallonia-Brussels, MA for French-speaking Belgium</li> <li>• Mrs. Rosanna Ricciardi, the National Agency for Active Work Policies, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Italy</li> </ul>
13:15 - 14:15	Lunch
14:15 - 16:00	<p><b>Panel 2 - Towards a more social Europe through an integrated approach of the social inclusion.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Addressing poverty and social exclusion through tools developed in local communities (CLLD);</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Elena Solomonesc, Secretary of State, the Ministry of Labour and Social Justice</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Loris di Pietrantonio, Head of Unit, ESF and FEAD: Policy and Legislation, DG EMPL;</li> <li>• Ms. Sabrina Ferraina, Policy Manager European Association of Service Providers for persons with Disabilities (EASPD);</li> <li>• Ms. Jana Hainsworth - Secretary General of Eurochild, former President of Social Platform, co-chair of the European Expert Group on the transition from institutional to community-based care;</li> <li>• Ms Kapka Panayotova, President of the European Network on Independent Living (ENIL);</li> <li>• Ms. Gabriela Coman, President of the Romanian National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of the Child and Adoption;</li> <li>• Ms. Maria Hudema, Vice-President of the Romanian National Federation of Rural LAGs for NE Region.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Irina Papancheva - EU Advocacy Manager LUMOS - Findings regarding the transition from Institutionalized to Community Care under the initiative Community Leaving for Europe - Structural Funds Watch;</li></ul>
16:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Conclusions / Closing remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Rovana Plumb, Minister of European Funds;</li><li>• Ms. Mihaela Toader, Secretary of State, the Ministry for European Funds;</li><li>• Ms. Andriana Sukova, Deputy Director General, DG EMPL, European Commission.</li></ul>