

Invitation Letter

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To the members of the Twinning Project - "Improving the standards of employment conditions/relations as well as health and safety at work in Georgia" (Twinning number: GE 17 ENI OT 02 19):

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Dear Colleagues,

As you are well aware, preventive measures taken by Georgia in fighting the pandemic proved to be successful and its anti-crisis plan has been acknowledged by the international community. In addition, we would like to inform that Labour Conditions Inspection Department of the Ministry of Internally Displaced People from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, as the key enforcement body for monitoring and supervision of the protection of occupational health and safety in the workplace and prevention of the spread of COVID 19 infection, continues to successfully perform its duties.

As you know, the country has been progressively carrying out obligations undertaken by the Association Agreement, the steps taken towards the improvement of labour conditions and occupational health and safety (OSH) standards in the workplace show how the commitments are met. Therefore, successful implementation of the Twinning Project - "Improving the standards of employment conditions/relations as well as health and safety at work in Georgia" (Twinning number: GE 17 ENI OT 02 19) is really crucial as it is aimed to prepare/adapt 29 EU directives on labour conditions and occupational health and safety to be adopted within the frames of the Association Agreement in 2019-2022. The project also envisages holding professional trainings for labor inspectors and conducting awareness raising campaigns on OSH issues all over the country. It is also noteworthy that since 2019, Labour Conditions Inspection Department the Ministry of Internally Displaced People from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia has been the key beneficiary of the project and it once again emphasizes its readiness to successfully implement the project.

Along with the beneficiary, the consortium of three EU countries is involved in the implementation of the project - Slovakia, Spain and Estonia (the Project partners are the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok, the Ministry of Labour, Migrations and Social Security (MITRAMISS). Labour and Social Security Inspectorate of Spain State Agency and the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia). It is notable that the role of the persons involved in the implementation of the project (RTA, Project leaders, component leaders and all the short-term experts) in order for our country to carry out its anti-crisis as well as preventive measures.

Taking into consideration the project work plan, we kindly request and invite you to arrive in Georgia early in September in order to hold planned trainings from September 21, 2020, and ensure progressive implementation of the directives envisaged by the Association Agreement as well as conduct awareness raising campaigns in the country.

In addition to that, we would like to emphasize that the Ministry is aware of the fact that the project will ensure PCR testing of project members and consider other additional safety norms necessary for the arrival of the guests.

We would like to thank you in advance and look forward to your arrival in Georgia.

Kind Regards,

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