



“Enhancing the protection of employees in the case of insolvency of their employer”

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EU supports enhancing the rights of workers in cases of employers’ insolvency in the Republic of North Macedonia

The Opening Ceremony of the EU-funded twinning project “Enhancing the protection of employees in the case of insolvency of their employer” was held today in the Parliament Members Club, with the attendance of Ms. Jagoda Shahpaska, Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of North Macedonia.

The Minister delivered a welcome address together with other reputable guests: Mr. Steffen Hudolin, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of North Macedonia, H.E. Mr. Henrik Markuš, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Republic of North Macedonia, Ms. Mirjanka Aleksevskva, Head of Department for Policies in Labour Legislation Area and Employment Policies at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of North Macedonia and the Beneficiary Country Project leader, Mr. Karol Jokl, Director of Department of International Relations of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, as well other key stakeholders and social partners took part in this event.

The speeches and discussion presented the high interest to reach challenges and objectives of the Project – enhancing the rights of workers in cases of employers’ insolvency, establishing a safety net for adequate protection of employment relations entitlements in cases of employers’ insolvency in compliance with the minimum requirements as defined in the Directive 2008/94/EC and national socioeconomic context.



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This topic is an integral part of the commitment of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia to ensure that the legal and institutional framework guarantee respect and protection of workers' rights in each stage of business dealing of their employers.

The Twinning represents an institution building tool of the EU support. As an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) it is based on partnership cooperation between public administrations of Member States and of a Candidate (beneficiary) Country with the purpose of strengthening their administrative and professional capacity, achieving mandatory results jointly agreed with the European Commission.

The Project is financed by the European Union with the budget of 700.000 EUR. It was launched on 20 September 2021 and will last for 18 months. The Project is being implemented through partnership of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic represented by the Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok, Bratislava and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of North Macedonia as the main Beneficiary.

The Contracting Authority is Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of North Macedonia. It also gives support to the establishment and development of a full operational capacity of the structures required for the management of EU-funded Pre-Accession Programmes, supports and monitors national institutions in charge of applying decentralised procedures. The European Union is a larger donor of development aid to North Macedonia than all other international donors put together.

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