

His Excellency
Lauri Läänemets
Minister of the Interior
Tallinn, Estonia

July 16, 2024

***Invitation to speak at the Final Conference
of the Technical Support Instrument Project
“Support to Improve Poverty Diagnostic and Social Policies Monitoring”***

On September 12, 2024 in Zagreb, Croatia

Dear Mr. Minister,

We would like to thank you and your staff for sharing the experience with the Croatian delegation during the study visit to Estonia which took place from June 4-6, 2024 on the topic of poverty and social exclusion using administrative data at subnational level as part of the technical assistance project “Support to Improve Poverty Diagnostic and Social Policies Monitoring” (the Project). This project is financed by the Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) under its Technical Support Instrument (TSI) program and is implemented jointly by the World Bank Croatia (WB) and the Croatian Ministry of Labor, Pension System, Family, and Social Policy (MLPSFSP).

Together with DG REFORM and the MLPSFSP, we are organizing the final conference to share knowledge gains through this project to a broad group of stakeholders from Croatia, including the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Ministry of Interior, academia, and civil society. The conference will take place on September 12, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Zagreb, Radnička cesta 21.

Given the invaluable experience of your institution and your staff related to the population and civil register, we would like to invite Ms. Enel Pungas, Director of Population Facts Department, or Ms. Mairis Kungla, Deputy Director of Population Facts Department, who presented their insights during our study tour in June this year, to join us at this final conference and share their experience on the topic of Estonian population and civil register. The WB will cover all logistic costs for the participation of Ms. Pungas or Ms. Kungla as per the European Commission and WB policies including the cost of flight, hotel, within city transportation, and per diem.

Our technical team is at disposal to you, Ms. Pungas, and Ms. Kungla to discuss further details related to the conference and logistics. The contact person for the organization of the conference is Ms. Martina Vojković, project coordinator (mvojkovic@worldbank.org). We are grateful for your confirmation of Ms. Pungas or Mrs. Kungla's participation to Ms. Vojković by August 10, 2024.

I am looking forward to our continuous and fruitful collaboration. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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