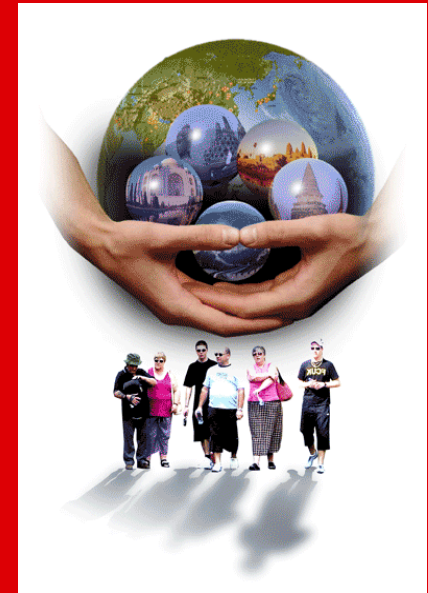




**Project cooperation with the trade unions of
Western Balkans
- Informal Economy, Corruption and Taxation system**

**Project kick-off meeting
Sofia 13-14 March 2013**

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Who we are?

Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO-Norway)

- Established in 1899
- Consists of 22 branch unions
- 900 000 members (soon!)
- 130 000 local-level elected officers
- Almost 45 % of our members are female
- Experienced participant in tripartite relations and the Norwegian social dialogue





Some background from Norway:

- Norwegian labour force: 2 600 000 persons
- Low unemployment: 3,6 %
- Low inflation
- Very sound public finances
- Union density: 52 %
- No minimum wage





Project background

- Cooperation since 1996 - bilateral projects
- Funded by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- SEE Trade Union Forum
- First regional project: Pension system reforms
- New project: Based on trade union experts' discussions from previous project
- Countries: Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, BiH, Croatia, Kosovo* and Albania*
- Same structure with regional and national level:
 - ✓ regional expert-group
 - ✓ national working-teams

Strengthening cooperation through exchange of experiences



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