

Icelandic Economic Council

Minutes of the 5th extraordinary meeting held at Hotel Natura,
Monday, March 28, 2022, from 10:00-12:00

Attendees

Icelandic Economic Council:

Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland

Bjarni Benediktsson, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs

Sigurður Ingi Jóhannsson, Minister of Infrastructure

Aldís Hafsteinsdóttir, Chairman of the Association of Local Authorities in Iceland

Halldór Benjamin Þorbergsson, Director General of the Confederation of Icelandic Enterprise

Drífa Snædal, President of the Icelandic Confederation of Labour

Sonja Ýr Þorbergsdóttir, President of the Federation of Public Worker Unions

Friðrik Jónsson, President of the Association of Academics

Ragnar Þór Pétursson, President of the Icelandic Teachers' Union

Other attendees:

Guðmundur Ingi Guðbrandsson Minister of Social Affairs and the Labour Market

Bryndís Hlökkversdóttir, Henny Hinz, Hermann Sæmundsson and Sighvatur Arnmundsson (Prime Minister's Office)

Tómas Brynjólfsson (Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs)

Gissur Pétursson and Guðrún Ágústa Guðmundsdóttir (Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour)

Rannveig Sigurðardóttir (Central Bank of Iceland)

Karl Björnsson and Sigurður Snævarr (The Association of Local Authorities in Iceland)

Eyrún Valsdóttir (Icelandic Confederation of Labour)

Sigríður Ingibjörg Ingadóttir (Federation of Public Worker Unions)

Vilhjálmur Hilmarsson (The Association of Academics)

Oddur Jakobsson (The Icelandic Teachers' Union)

Glenda Quintini from the Employment Labour and Social Affairs Directorate of the OECD (online guest under item 2)

Ingibjörg Jónsdóttir, professor and director of the Institute of Stress Medicine in Gothenburg (online guest under item 3)

Edda Björk Þórðardóttir, lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Iceland and Vigdís

Jónsdóttir, director of Virk - Vocational Rehabilitation Fund (guests under item 3)

Agenda item 1

Prime Minister's introduction

Agenda item 2

Continuing education and re-training

Glenda Quintini from the Employment Labour and Social Affairs Directorate of the OECD presented slides on challenges in continuing education and re-training. Discussion and questions afterwards.

Guðmundur Ingi Guðbrandsson, Minister of Social Affairs and the Labor Market, presented plans for the strengthening of continuing education and re-training to meet new challenges in the labor market.

Discussions afterwards.

Agenda item 3

Equality and work environment in occupational settings

Ingibjörg Jónsdóttir, professor and director of the Institute of Stress Medicine in Gothenburg presented slides on preventive measures for stress and burnout

Edda Björk Þórðardóttir, lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Iceland, presented slides on the impact of trauma on women's health

Vigdís Jónsdóttir, director of Virk - Vocational Rehabilitation Fund, discussed the challenges and the situation of the fund following Covid (slides)

Input and assessment from attendees.

Discussions afterwards.

Agenda item 4

Prime Minister's closing words