

“European Works Councils for Democracy at Work”

**Online Conference
11-12 October 2021**

Draft Programme

Monday 11 October 2021

12:30	Welcome address by Isabelle Schömann, Confederal Secretary ETUC
12:45	Keynote: Laurent Berger, General Secretary, CFDT (France): A EUROPE WITHOUT DEMOCRACY HAS NO FUTURE
13:00	<p>1st panel: WHY DEMOCRATISATION OF THE ECONOMY & WORKPLACE IS KEY TO SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN THE EU?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antoine Kasel, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights (Nicolas Schmit) • Gwénaél Frontin, Deputy Head of Cabinet to the French Labour Minister (Elisabeth Borne) • Gaby Bischoff, MEP S&D • Oliver Roethig, Regional Secretary, UNI-Europa • Oliver Roepke, European Economic and Social Committee
13:50	Discussion and questions from the floor
14.15	Coffee break
14.45	<p>Tête-à-Tête with Reiner Hoffmann, General Secretary, DGB (Germany) & Kerstin Jorna, Director- General, DG GROW</p> <p>THE EU ECONOMY AT ACROSSROADS: LESSONS LEARNT & WAYS FORWARD</p>
15:15	Discussion and questions from the floor
15.30	Coffee break
15:45	<p>2nd panel: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SUPPLY AND SUBCONTRACTING CHAINS: THE ROLE OF TRADE UNIONS AND EWCs IN THE EC INITIATIVE ON HRDD</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didier Reynders, European Commission Commissioner for Justice • Lara Wolters, MEP S&D • Enrico Somaglia, Deputy General Secretary, EFFAT • Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director Social Affairs Department, BusinessEurope • Luc Triangle, General Secretary, industriAll Europe
16:45	Discussion and questions from the floor
17:15	End of the first day



Tuesday 12 October 2021

09:00	Introduction by Isabelle Schömann
09:15	<p>1st workshop: On the road to recovery – HOW TO SHAPE RESTRUCTURINGS WITHOUT LEAVING WORKERS BEHIND</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Katja Rihar Bajuk, Director General of Labour Relations and Labour Rights Directorate Slovenia - Jim Sheridan, Policy Officer, EFBWW - Jean-Marc Daubeuf, EWC member of EDF - Johan Botella, EWC member of Coca Cola European Partners - Annika Flaten, UNI Europa <p>Discussion and questions from the floor</p>
10:05	Coffee break
10:25	<p>2nd workshop: TRADE UNIONS AND EWCs’ ROLE FOR SUSTAINABLE DIGITALISATION AT WORK</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kim van Sparrentak, MEP Greens - Detlef Gerst, IG Metall Vorstand - Julio Alquezar Saiz, EWC Inditex <p>Discussion and questions from the floor</p>
11:15	Coffee break
11:35	<p>3rd workshop: TRADE UNIONS AND EWCs’ ROLE IN SHAPING THE TRANSITION TO CLIMATE NEUTRALITY</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Livia Spera, General Secretary of ETF - Laetitia Baldan Delgado, International Secretary at ACV-CSC BIE - Paolo Pirani, General-Secretary of UILTEC (Italy) <p>Discussion and questions from the floor</p>
12:25	<p>Concluding remarks Isabelle Schömann, Confederal Secretary ETUC</p>
12:40	End of the second day

