PROGRAMME AND INFORMATION

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF WORK
A FAITH-BASED CONTRIBUTION TO THE ILO CENTENARY INITIATIVE

Date: Tuesday 27 November 2018 (9:00 - 16:45)
Venue: European Economic and Social Committee
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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF WORK

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The world of work faces transformative changes. Several processes and innovations, such as digitalisation, accelerating globalisation, artificial intelligence as well as the need for an ecological transition alter the conditions and our understanding of work and employment.

In order to respond to these challenges, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has launched a Future of Work Centenary Initiative as one of seven initiatives that mark the ILO’s 100th anniversary in 2019. Churches and their faith-based partners in Europe aim to contribute to this global dialogue bringing in expertise and insights from their movements and organisations as well as their socio-ethical reflections.

The conference Shaping the Future of Work brings together representatives of Churches, religious communities and faith-based organisations in the field in order to give a profound contribution to the ILO initiative. In three panel debates, EU representatives, experts and practitioners of Christian, Jewish as well as Muslim faith will discuss the challenges of a changing world of work and assess new opportunities to shape the current transformation for the benefit of all members of society.

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**WELCOME**

- Luca Jahier, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

**OPENING**

- Mairead McGuinness, First Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Archbishop Jean-Claude Hollerich, President of the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the EU (COMECE) and Archbishop of Luxembourg
- Heinz Koller, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)

**FIRST PANEL**

- Bishop Antoine Hérouard, President of the COMECE Social Affairs Commission and Auxiliary Bishop of Lille, France
- Prof. Dr. Mouez Khalfaoui, Centre for Islamic Theology Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Germany
- Dean Satu Saarinen, Cathedral of Oulu, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- Rabbi Avi Tawil, Director of the European Jewish Community Centre (EJCC), Belgium
11.00 - 11.30  Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00  Access to work in times of transformations - jobless future or new opportunities for decent work for all?

SECOND PANEL

**Input:** John Hurley, Research Manager, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)
- Sefer Calis, former chair of the works committee of Amazon Pforzheim, Germany
- Dr. Rev. Kari Latvus, Senior Adviser for Society, Work, Public Theology, Digital Media at the National Church Council - Worship and Society, Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland
- Sébastien Lenormand, Alphabet [Google] EMEA Account Director at Intel Corporation and Vice-President of the Technology & Innovation Section of Entrepreneurs & Dirigeants Chrétiens (EDC), France
- Patrizia Toia, Member of the European Parliament (S&D), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

13.00 – 14.30  Buffet Lunch

14.30 – 16.00  New forms of labour and flexible working time - start for a more self-determined life or end of job security?

THIRD PANEL

- Inge Bernaerts, Head of Cabinet of EU Employment and Social Affairs Commissioner Marianne Thyssen, European Commission
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Gergely, Director of the Institute for Jewish Studies, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgium
- Prof. Dr. Radu Preda, Chair of Orthodox Social Theology, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- Sarah Prenger, President of the International Young Christian Workers
- Claude Rolin, Member of the European Parliament (EPP), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

16.00 - 16.30  Takeaways for the ILO dialogue and social partners

COLLECTING IDEAS

- Luc Cortebeeck, International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director, Business Europe (tbc)
- Thiébaut Weber, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederations (ETUC)

16.30 - 16.45  Closing

CLOSING

- Rev. Christian Krieger, President of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)