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| The Brussels Offices of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB Europabüro) and the Austrian Federal Chamber of Labour (AK EUROPA), as well as the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) cordially invite you to our event: ****Midway through the Austrian EU-Presidency:****  ****What has been achieved so far for workers?**** ****Monday | 22nd October 2018 | 18:00**** ****Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU****  ****Avenue de Cortenbergh 30, 1040 Brussels**** The Austrian EU-Presidency started in the second half of 2018. It was at that time, that the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) published a set of very concrete demands addressed to the Presidency. Sadly, social issues were only marginalized in the Presidency`s work programme, while emphasis was put on strengthening the subsidiarity principle or the protection of the external borders. Trade unions are therefore worried about the EU`s tendency to withdraw from its social agenda and the much needed political change. The EU should work on further strengthening the Union's social dimension instead of falling back into a purely economic community.  Given these facts, what are the first interim results of the Austrian EU-Presidency after the first four months? Are there any positive outcomes from the point of view of employees? Will the remaining time, before the EU elections, be used to further strengthen current Commission proposals? Will there be any progress in implementing a European Labour Authority able to tackle wage and social dumping in Europe?  **Panel Discussion Wolfgang Katzian** President of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB)  **Luca Visentini**  General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)  **Miranda Ulens**  General Secretary of the Belgian Trade Union Confederation FGTB-ABVV  **Josef Stredula**  President of the Czech Trade Union Confederation CMKOS  **Joost Korte**  Director-General in DG EMPL, European Commission  **Moderation  Tim Cupal** ORF Brussels  The discussion will be held in German and English. Following the discussion, we would like to invite you to drinks and buffet snacks.  **Please register here:**  [**Yes, I will attend the event**](http://www.oegb-eu.at/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=S05/Page/Index&n=S05_0.a.c) |