

“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) • Elisabeth Borne, French Labour Minister (tbc) • 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 • Luc Triangle, General Secretary, industriAll Europe • Pedro Oliveira, Director, BusinessEurope (tbc)
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"> - Cveto Ursic, State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities - Tom Deleu, General Secretary, EFBWW - EWC member affiliated to FNME CGT in EDF <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"> - Detlef Gerst, IG Metall Vorstand - Kim van Sparrentak, MEP Greens - Johan Botella, EWC CCEP - EWC member from the European service sector <p>Discussion and questions from the floor</p>
11:15	Coffee break
11:25	<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 UILTEC <p>Discussion and questions from the floor</p>
12:15	<p>Concluding remarks Isabelle Schömann, Confederal Secretary ETUC</p>
12:30	End of the second day

