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Final Conference on Circular Economy

14 October 2021

INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

In the framework of the Integrated Projects 2020-2021 of the European social dialogue, we are pleased to invite you to our

FINAL CONFERENCE ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND THE WORLD OF WORK

taking place on Thursday 14 October 2021. Please find attached a draft agenda of the event.

Finalizing the joint project with the conference

As part of their integrated projects 2020-2021, the European Social Partners are conducting a project looking into the impact of the circular economy transition on employment, labour markets and working conditions. Three national joint cluster seminars have been organised where national Social Partners exchanged good practices and views on this topic.

Our selected contractor Trinomics, has gathered the results of these seminars in a final report, which will be presented at the conference. This final report also includes the main results of a series of interviews and an online survey with national/sectoral employer and trade union member federations and companies (management and worker representatives) on how the circular economy transition impacts their national labour market and on working conditions, including occupational health and safety.

Furthermore, the European Social Partners are currently negotiating policy recommendations both for Social Partners as well as for policy-makers, which we aim to present at the final conference.

Finally, we expect several high-level decision-makers from the European institutions and representatives from national and sectoral social partners to join the panels and to discuss how to tackle the socio-economic dimension of the shift to circular economy.

Practical organisation

This conference will take place in a hybrid form. The ETUC auditorium will be transformed into a TV studio and with a bit of luck we will even be able to welcome a limited number of participants



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physically. At the same time, we offer everyone the possibility to join this conference remotely, given the changing nature of sanitary measures and potential travel restrictions.

The number of participants will be equally distributed between the trade union and the employers side. A final decision on how many persons will be allowed to join the event physically will be taken at a later stage, based on an evaluation of the pandemic situation, the sanitary measures and travel possibilities.

Please mark in the registration form whether you would like to attend the event in person. A link to join the seminar remotely will be sent to the registered participants in due course. Please note that we will use the software platform *Zoom*.

Interpretation in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish will be provided.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

>> 1) Complete the online registration by 24 September 2021

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

>> 2) Once you have registered online, you should receive an official confirmation of registration by email.

>> 3) Once, we know more about the sanitary measures in October, we will decide how many people and who can attend the conference in person.

>> 4) Then in due time, we will send you the links for the virtual meeting.

If you have any practical questions or experience difficulties, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Niklas Franke by email (nfranke@etuc.org) or by phone (Tel. +32 478 700 935)

Should you require any further clarification about the conference or the project activities to date, please do not hesitate to contact your European social partner organisation:

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We look forward to your active participation in this joint event.

Yours faithfully,

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