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
(Rue van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels)

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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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<td>- Archbishop Jean-Claude Hollerich, President of the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the EU (COMECE) and Archbishop of Luxembourg</td>
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<td>- Heinz Koller, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)</td>
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<td>- Bishop Antoine Hérouard, President of the COMECE Social Affairs Commission and Auxiliary Bishop of Lille, France</td>
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<td>- Prof. Dr. Mouez Khalfaoui, Centre for Islamic Theology Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Germany</td>
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### 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 & DirigeantsChrétiens (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**

- Luc Corteebeck, 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**

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- Rev. Christian Krieger, President of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)
1.) **REGISTRATION:** We reached the maximum capacity of the main conference room and therefore closed the registration for the conference.

2.) **TIMING:** The conference starts on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 9.00 and registration will open by 8.15. We kindly ask participants to arrive at least 15 minutes before 9.00, in order to allow the conference to start in time.

3.) **VENUE:** The conference will take place in the premises of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), building VMA - Rue van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels (opposite the main building at Rue Belliard). Please have your passport or ID card with you on the day of the conference.

4.) **EVENT LANGUAGES:** The conference will be interpreted into English, French, German and Spanish.

5.) **ADDITIONAL ELEMENT:** We offer a welcome reception on the eve before at the premises of the Secretariat of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU (COMECE), Square de Meeûs 19, 1050 Brussels. The reception will start on 26 November 2018, at 19.00. The reception is not part of the conference but an additional element for Church-based actors to connect with each other.

6.) **TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION:** No conference fee will be required, but participants are expected to cover their travel as well as their accommodations and to make their travel arrangements. For the night from 26-27 November 2018, the organisers have pre-booked single rooms in a selection of hotels that you find on page 4 of this document.

7.) **FUNDING:** For those who cannot afford participating at their own expense, please write an email to conference.futureofwork@gmail.com to apply for financial support. Please only apply if you need the support, as there is a limited amount of money available. The maximum sum of support per person is 500 € covering accommodation as well as travel costs (within Europe only) and the organisers of the conference will not be able to bear the costs caused by any late cancellations of registrations.
- Please note that the hotels are only pre-booked until 15 October 2018 -

1.) Aloft Brussels Schuman, Place Jean Rey, 1040 Brussels, Tel : +32 2 710 80 06
   Type of room: loft single category room at 179,00 (+ 4,24 EUR city tax)
   Pre-booking: 30 rooms under the “Association des Episcopats” group rate
   How to get to the EESC: Across the Conference venue (2 mins walk)
   Booking link: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1805315129&key=2BF75CF

2.) NH Brussels Louise, Chaussée de Charleroi 7, 1060 Brussels, Tel : +32 2 539 01 60
   Type of room: Double room single occupancy 144,00 EUR (+ 4,24 EUR city tax)
   Pre-booking: 40 rooms under the ‘COMECE’ group rate (‘Audrey Marot’)
   How to get to the EESC: Metro line 2 or 6 from Louise to Arts-Loi / Kunst-Wet (dir. Elisabeth) and line 1 or 5 to Maelbeek or Schuman (dir. Stockel or Delta or Hermann Debroux)
   Booking link: https://www.nh-hotels.com/event/eu-venue-finders

3.) Hilton Garden Inn, rue Berckmans 128, 1060 Brussels, Tel : +32 2 538 88 30
   Type of room: Standard Single Room 115,00 EUR (+ 4.24 EUR city tax)
   Pre-booking: 40 rooms under the ‘COMECE’ group rate
   How to get to the EESC: Metro from Hôtel des Monnaies or Louise to Arts-Loi / Kunst-Wet (dir. Elisabeth) and line 1 or 5 to Maelbeek or Schuman (dir. Stockel or Delta or Hermann Debroux)

   Follow the link to Hilton Garden Inn homepage and fill the blanks with the following information:
   Where are you going: Brussels
   Date: 26 Nov 2018
   GROUP CODE: gvenb

   You will be redirected to another page where you can select the room: SELECT = COMECE
   Superior Room at 115,00 EUR. Please follow the instructions on the website to book your room afterwards.

4.) An alternative, but without pre-booking, is the following hotel:

   Easy Hotel, rue d’Argent 1, 1000 Brussels, Tel: +32 2 781 02 59
   No group rate, but rooms from 76,00 EUR per night
   How to get to the EESC: The Easy Hotel is downtown. Metro from De Brouckère, line 1 or 5 to Maelbeek or Schuman (dir. Stockel or Delta or Hermann Debroux)
   Booking link: https://www.easyhotel.com/fr/hotels belgium brussels/101939
You can access the interactive map to prepare for your stay in Brussels under the following link:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1dwjmz8UPqgf68uBbaRfFF2Ghrpv0X_Vj&usp=sharing