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# Wellbeing of digitalized societies and workplaces

**European Conference  
Strasbourg (France)  
10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

*CALL*

*Church Action on  
Labour and Life*

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**Digitalization is changing life and work in our societies. In fact it has become part of our daily life and shapes more than we realize.**

**A holistic approach in ethical reflection and practical doing is necessary, taking into account economic, social and ecological aspects. This will be the overarching approach of the conference in Strasbourg.**

**Wellbeing in society and workplaces can be strengthened by digital progress, but it needs ethical and not only economic guidelines.**

Digitalization offers many opportunities of connecting people and organizations across Europe, a process which the European institutions, as well as companies and their interrelated work encourage.

*Register here:*

<https://www.kda-wue.de/veranstaltungen?title=wellbeing-of-digitalized-societies-and-work-place&detail=61a640287b247&eventdate=61a6404ea301a>

The 2022 “Church Action on Labour and Life” conference in Strasbourg wants to stimulate ethical reflection by pluriperspective discussions.

It will be offering information about the latest proposals of the EU-Commission, about good and best practices in different European countries in the fields of e-commerce, e-government, strengthening neighbourhood relations. This information will be related to theological positions and through this offer ethical discussion between ourselves and with Members of the European Parliament.

The debate will be led by theologians from both Protestant and Orthodox traditions, by specialists of digital companies, trade unions and regional administrations coming from all over Europe. This will help to work towards better guidelines for a digitalization that contributes to the wellbeing of societies and workplaces.

Welcome to Strasbourg from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022!



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Centre Culturel St. Thomas

2 rue de la Carpe Haute

F-67000 Strasbourg

Participation fee: 335,- € (ask for reductions)

### Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

- 10 – 11.30 Visit to a digital company in Strasbourg
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.30 Welcome – coffee – getting to know one to another
- 14.30 Opening of the conference  
Rev. Dr. J. S. General Secretary, CEC-KEK  
Rev. Albrecht Knoch, CALL coordinator  
GENERAL APPROACH
- 15.00 Lecture: Freedom in digitalized contexts,  
Prof. Dr. Traugott Jähnichen (Faculty of  
Theology Bochum, Germany)
- 15.45 Response: Ludovic Voet (European Trade  
Unions Confederation, Brussels)
- 16.00 Plenary debate  
break
- 17.00 Panel with MEPs from different countries  
and political groups  
Mia-Petra Kumpula-Natri, Social Democrats  
Alexandra Geese, Greens / EFA  
Sylvie Brunet, Renew (to be confirmed)  
Break
- 18.30 Dinner
- 19.30 Networking
- 20.30 Evening prayers
- 20.45 Time for socialising

### Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

- 8.45 Morning prayers
- 9.00 SOCIAL DIMENSION:  
Workplaces and Environment  
Lecture: Platform economy and new EU  
directive (in work)  
Ludovic Voet (European Trade Unions  
Confederation, Brussels)
- 9.45 Lecture: How digitalization can be made  
sustainable, Selim Alexandre Arrad  
(Eurometropole Strasbourg, France)
- 11.00 Split into two work groups with  
Ludovic Voet and Selim Alexandre Arrad
- 12.15 lunch
- 13.30 Regions and neighbourhoods  
(Introduction: Kari Latvus):  
AuroraAI: national AI programme Ministry of  
Finance – Finland:  
Aleksi Kopponen (*Ministry*) / Rev. Jari  
Pulkkinen (church council)
- 14.15 “Next Mannheim” Anna Blaich (Germany)  
and NN. from Toulon (France)
- 15.30 Split into two work groups with  
A. Kopponen / J. Pulkkinen and A. Blaich
- 16.45 Response and theol-ethical perspective,  
First conclusions  
Dr. Pete Philipps (Durham, UK)
- 17.30 Plenary debate
- 18.30 Dinner
- 19.30 Networking: Next steps in the CALL network  
in 2022 / after this conference
- 20.30 Evening prayers

### Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### TOWARDS ETHICAL GUIDELINES

- 8.45 Morning prayers
- 9.00 Lecture: Church communion in a digitalized  
world. Dr. Julija Naett Vidovic, Professor of  
patrology at the Orthodox institute of Saint-  
Serge, associate at the Institute of  
Ecumenical Studies (Paris, France)
- 9.45 Response: Rev. Christian Krieger President  
of CEC and coming President of Fédération  
Protestante de France (Strasbourg)  
Response: Stefano Frache, PhD Italy (to be  
confirmed)  
followed by plenary debate
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 CONCLUSION  
(Rev. Albrecht Knoch)
- 12.00 Concluding prayers  
(Rev. Christian Krieger)
- 12.15 lunch
- 13.30 departure



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