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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.

- For practical information on accommodation and funding, please see also page 3 -

PROGRAMME

- Moderation: Pierre Baussand, Head of Brussels Liaison Office of Eurofound -

08.15 - 09.00

Registration & Coffee

09.00 - 09.15

Welcome

WELCOME

- Luca **Jahier**, *President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)*

09.15 - 09.45

Opening remarks

OPENING

- Mairead **McGuinness**, *First Vice-President of the European Parliament*
- Archbishop Jean-Claude **Hollerich**, *President of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU (COMECE) and Archbishop of Luxembourg*
- Heinz **Koller**, *Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)*

09.45 - 11.00

The importance of work from an inter-religious perspective

FIRST PANEL

- Bishop Antoine **Hérouard**, *President of the COMECE Social Affairs Commission and Auxiliary Bishop of Lille, France*
- Prof. Dr. Mouez **Khalfaoui**, *Centre for Islamic Theology Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Germany*
- Bishop em. Irja **Askola**, *Bishop emeritus of Helsinki, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (tbc)*
- Rabbi Avi **Tawil**, *Director of the European Jewish Community Centre (EJCC), Belgium*

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: Dr. 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 & Dirigeants Chrétiens (EDC), France
- Maria João Rodrigues, Member of the European Parliament (S&D), President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) (tbc)

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

COLLECTING IDEAS

- Luc Cortebeek, International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Rebekah Smith, Deputy Director, Business Europe (tbc)
- Thiébaud Weber, Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederations (ETUC)

16.30 - 16.45

Closing

CLOSING

- Rev. Christian Krieger, President of the Conference of European Churches (CEC)

- 1.) **REGISTRATION:** Please register for the conference **by 27 October 2018 (registration might close before as places are limited)** using the following online registration tool: <https://goo.gl/forms/AULPNgFbLq80l5P92>
- 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.

LIST OF PRE-BOOKED HOTELS

- 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)
Booking link:
http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en_US/gi/search/findhotels/results.htm?view=LIST

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>

HOTELS AND LOCATIONS

You can access the interactive map to prepare for your stay in Brussels under the following link:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1dwjnz8UPqgf68uBbaRfFF2Ghrpv0X_Vj&usp=sharing

