



Wellbeing of digitalized societies and workplaces

**European Conference
Strasbourg (France)
10th - 12th March 2022**

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*Church Action on
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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 10th to 12th March 2022!



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Centre Culturel St. Thomas
2 rue de la Carpe Haute
F-67000 Strasbourg
Participation fee: 335,- €

Thursday, 10th March 2022

- 10 – 11.30 Visit to a digital company in Strasbourg (optional)
- 12.15 Lunch – check in
- 13.30 Welcome – coffee – getting to know one to another
- 14.30 Opening of the conference
GENERAL APPROACH
- 15.00 Lecture: Digitale Freiheit (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
- 17.00 Panel with MEPs from different countries and political groups
- 18.30 Dinner
- 19.30 Networking
- 20.30 Evening prayers
- 20.45 Time for socialising

Friday, 11th March 2022

- 8.45 Morning prayers
- 9.00 SOCIAL DIMENSION:
Workplaces and Environment
Lecture: Platform economy and new EU directive (in work)
Ludovic Voet (ETUC, Brussels)
- 9.45 Lecture: How digitalization can be made sustainable, Selim Alexandre Arrad (Eurometropole Strasbourg, France) to be confirmed
- 11.00 Split into two work groups with L. Voet and S.A. Arrad
- 12.15 lunch
- 13.30 Regions and neighbourhoods:
AuroraAI – Finland:
Aleksi Kopponen / Jari Pulkkinen
- 14.15 “Next Mannheim” Anna Hüttl / Anna Blaich (Germany) and NN. from Toulon (France)
- 15.30 Split into two work groups with A. Kopponen and A. Hüttl / A. Blaich
- 16.45 Response and theolog-ethical perspective, Dr. Pete Philipps (UK)
First conclusions
- 17.30 Plenary debate
- 18.30 Dinner
- 19.30 Networking: Future work after the conference
- 20.30 Evening prayers

Saturday, 12th March 2022

TOWARDS ETHICAL GUIDELINES

- 8.45 Morning prayers
- 9.00 Lecture: Church communion in a digitalized world. 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
- 12.00 Concluding prayers
(Rev. Christian Krieger)
- 12.15 lunch
- 13.30 departure

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