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**INVITATION AND PROGRAM  
OF THE 8th EUROPEAN SOCIAL WEEK  
23-25 FEBRUAR 2023 LYON France**

**“(R)EVOLUTION EUROPE”  
WORKING WORLD AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE OF THE FUTURE**



## Introduction

*We live in a fragile world. Many possible securities have been lost to us. But what happens next?*

*Russia's brutal war against Ukraine is not only breaking international law, it is bringing death, displacement and general misery. This is also threatening peace and freedom in other parts of Europe. The economic impact of the war and the sanctions, as well as that of the Corona crisis, brings with it great doubt about the functioning of globalization for the care of people, which is evident from interrupted supply chains. This makes it clear to us how important it is to reduce economic dependencies and to strengthen self-sufficiency in Europe in necessary areas. In addition, the climate crisis presents us with major challenges that we must overcome in a short period of time. At the same time, technological change is advancing. Artificial intelligence and digitalization are key words for this. There are many changes with complex references, which at the same time and due to the high speed have a partly revolutionary effect.*

*What the new challenges mean for the future of work is what we want to discuss on the basis of some important aspects at the 8th European Social Week, starting from the Christian-social attitude and values. We cordially invite you to this discussion.*

Herbert Metzger President of the European Social Week

## Thursday, 23 February 2023

### 14.30 Registration

### 15.30 Opening and welcome words



**Herbert Metzger**

Chair of the 8th European Social Week



**Luc Van den Brande**

President of the European  
Centre for Worker's questions (EZA)



**Cyril Chabanier**

President of the Confédération Française  
des Travailleurs Chrétiens (CFTC) France

### 16.00 Future for Europe – Consequences of the crises

Europe cannot remain as it is. Solutions must be found for many complex issues at the same time. With the 8th European Social Week we would like to contribute to the discussion about the future of Europe. Securing peace and freedom, enlargement by new member states, strengthening democratic structures for decision-making, economy with a future, achieving climate goals, securing jobs, humane working conditions and social security systems, these are all important issues that should be discussed especially from the perspective of the working world.



**Elmar Brok**, President of the European Union Christian Democratic Workers, former Member of the European Parliament

**16.45 Discussion**

**17.10 Break**

**17:30**



**Future labour market politics and social politics in Europe**

**Karien van Gennip**, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour of the Netherlands, The Netherlands

**18.15 Discussion**

**18.40 Closing of the 1st day of the meeting**

**19.30 Dinner**

## Friday, 24 February 2023

**8.30 Ecumenical Prayer for Peace in the Chapel**

**9.00 Focus on sustainable management**

Sustainable economic activity is one of the important prerequisites for achieving the European climate goals. We want to deal with the ethical aspects for our economic actions, with the manifold initiatives of the EU Commission as well as with the trade unions' positions on the Green Economy. In doing so, the opportunities and risks with regard to the effects for the future of work will be illuminated.



**Economy and consumers – ethical inquiries in transition**

**Sohie Izoard-Allauw**, Senior lecturer. Holder of the Jean Rodhain Chair. Les Facultés de L'Université Catholique de Lille, France

**9.40 Discussion**

**10.00 Break**

**10.30**



**Green Economy and the implications for tomorrow's work**

**Cécile Jolly**, Team leader for workplace and skills forecasting in the French strategy project

**11.00**



**Initiatives of the EU Commission on the green economy and the challenges for the working world**

**Dr. Frank Siebern-Thomas**, EU Commission DG Employment, Brussels, Belgium

**11.30**



**Green Economy from a trade union perspective**

**Joseph Thouvenel**, Secrétaire confédéraux, CFTC, France

**12.00 Discussion**

**12.45 Lunch**

## 14.15 Focus on digitalization and artificial intelligence

Cloud applications, the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, blockchain and 3D printing: the range of technological possibilities is broad, but what about practical use in companies? Digitalization and artificial intelligence are associated with the hope of being able to achieve climate goals better and faster and to promote sustainable business. But what do they mean for the working world?



### Prospects for jobs – are we running out of work?

**Prof. Francesco Seghezzi**, President Fundazioni ADAPT, Italy

14.45 Discussion

15.15 Break

15.45 Impact of technological and digital developments on the world of work



**Dr. Claudio Zettel**, German Aerospace center, project management agency “working world of the future”, Germany

16.30 Trade union perspective on the changes in the working world



**Ludovic Voet**, European Trade Union Confederation, Brussels, Belgium

17.00 Discussion

17.30 End of 2nd Day

20:00 Dinner

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## Saturday, 25 February 2023

9.00 Short presentations on the transformation of work



### Home office – opportunities and risks

**Robert Weber**, former president of the LCGB trade union, Luxembourg



### Youth expectations of work

**Aneta Szczykutowicz**  
Fundacja Nowy Staw, Poland



### Continuing education, lifelong learning

**Geoffrey de Vienne**,  
Confederation CFTC, Advisor to the president, France



### Reconciling family work and gainful employment

**Michela Morandini**, Equality Councillor of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Italy

10:15 Discussion

10:35 Attitude towards work – evaluation of a survey among the participants

10:45 Break

11.15 Future of Cohesion – Impact of the Digital and Green Transformation on Europe’s Regions

Cohesion and structural policy is a central policy area of the European Union. About one third of the budget is used for this purpose. It aims to strengthen the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the Union and to promote growth and employment, especially in regions lagging behind. But how do the digital and green transformations affect European regions and what are the consequences?



**Roman Römisch**, Vienna Institute for International Economic Comparisons, Austria

**12:00 Discussion**  
**12:30 Summary of the seminar**



**Philippe Fleck**, CFTC Trade Union, France

**12:55 Closing words**  
**Herbert Metzger**, Chair of the 8th European Social Week  
**13:00 Lunch**

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### Transport :

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La gare Part-Dieu – 150 TGV every day

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The ticket is reimbursed up to a maximum of 300 euros.

### Conference languages :

French, English, German, Italian, Spanish

### Participation fee:

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East and Central Europe: **100 euro**

Participation for one day: **75 euro**

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