

INVITATION

18th November 2025, Brussels

WORKERS'-VOICE BREAKFAST: BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

With or without workers?



Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The Hans Böckler Foundation kindly invites you to its next Workers'-Voice Breakfast on

18th November 2025 at 8:30 o'clock

at Otone Offices, Square Ambiorix 44, 1000 Brussels.

The European Commission's tabled proposal for a 28th company law regime aims to create a uniform legal framework for companies, especially start-ups, operating across Member States. Presented as a tool for reducing administrative burdens and fostering cross-border business, the initiative raises important questions about its implications for **workers' rights as well as democratic governance** within companies.

From a **trade union perspective**, the proposal could risk undermining existing national safeguards on employee participation. It may also intensify regulatory competition between Member States rather than strengthening social and labour standards across Europe.

Dr. Sebastian Sick, company law expert and member of the German Corporate Governance Kodex Commission, will assess the current ideas and will contextualize these. We will as well discuss the benefits of workers' participation as well as the ongoing practice of circumvention of democratic rights of employees.

This breakfast discussion is meant to bring together different perspectives on European corporate governance initiatives and critically assess the 28th regime's potential effects on social Europe.

We would be glad if you could join us for this debate on 18th November 2025 at 8:30 o'clock. Coffee and croissants will be served. Please let us know by 11th November 2025 if you plan to attend.

Best regards



Maxi Leuchters

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INFORMATION

Date	18 th November 2025 08.30 h – 10.00 h
Place	Otone Offices, Square Ambiorix 44, 1000 Brussels
Program	Presentation will be held by: Dr. Sebastian Sick, company law expert and member of the German Corporate Governance Kodex Commission, Head of unit Company Law and Corporate Governance, I.M.U. Discussion moderated by: Maxi Leuchters, Head of unit Company Law and Corporate Governance, I.M.U.
About	An event of the Hans Böckler Foundation aimed at propagating best practice in corporate governance by bringing together experienced workers' representatives and experts in political institutions in Brussels.
Registration	To register please reply to this online invitation by mail to anja-winterwerb@boeckler.de by 11 th November at the latest. A confirmation to participate will be sent before the event.
Further Information	https://www.imu-boeckler.de/en/index.htm

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