

INVITATION

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WORKERS'-VOICE- BREAKFAST



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Dear Madam / Sir,

The Hans-Böckler-Foundation is delighted to invite you to its 6th **Workers'-Voice-Breakfast**. Just in that new trend we propose meeting online BUT not in the form of a so-called Webinar since our roundtables intend to create a lively dialogue around an impulse statement. Further on, we invite only people who do know well our 'real' Worker'-Voice-Breakfasts, so please take this invitation as a personal one.

Social Europe remains the objective - more democracy at work paves the way out of the dark woods of the corona pandemic

The Corona crises pointed out that there is the need for more democracy in the workplace. (See also the petition #DEMOCRATIZINGWORK, signed by more than 4000 academics worldwide, (<https://democratizingwork.org/>)). This will be essential not only for economic recovery but also for safeguarding and strengthening democracy crossover the EU.

The European Convention of Fundamental Rights is the foundation of workers' involvement. Therefore, workers are citizens at the work place and at the shop floor democratizing the world of work. Unfortunately, this isn't always reflected by the legal competence of workers' representatives. New forms of work request new forms of participation. Corona has not interrupted the transformative processes of the economy.

Instead, the challenges workers' representatives are facing became even bigger. Strong and mandatory Workers' Voices as a guiding principle for sustainable companies sets the course for decent work, incomes, gender equality, human in command in case of AI, and, at the same time, for competitiveness and a liveable and healthy environment. Research has provided strong evidence of the efficiency and functionality of codetermination, both, for democracy at work and for beneficial company outcome. However, there must be political will and support for it.

Act NOW to improve workers' and labour union rights in EU law. The 'Green Deal' will only be a civil society achievement if workers are able to participate in it actively and mandatorily. Europe is at a crossroads during this crises. We want to discuss how the path towards a social Europe with a good future of work can be taken.

Please join us for this 'digi-debate'. We are looking forward meeting you.

Kind regards,



Dr Norbert Kluge

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INFORMATION

Date 10 June 2020
8:30 to 10:00

Place Online at BlueJeans.

Programme Opening remarks by **Dr Norbert Kluge** (*Hans-Böckler-Foundation*)

Short impulse presentation by:

- **Dr Johanna Wenckebach**, Scientific Director of the HSI of Hans-Böckler-Foundation

- **Maxi Leuchters**, 'Head of Unit Financial Services and Corporate Governance, Employee Representation in supervisory boards' at Hans-Böckler-Foundation

Discussion moderated by **Henning vom Stein** (*Otone European Affairs*)

About **Workers'-Voice-Breakfast:** An initiative 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
Confirmation will be sent before the event.

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