



# Workshop 4

## The future of work in the wellbeing economy

3 March 2021 | 10:00 – 12:00 | EESC - Brussels



Organised by:

The European Environmental Bureau (**EEB**), the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the EESC Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment Section (**NAT**) and the EESC Sustainable Development Observatory (**SDO**)

### Draft Programme

10.00 – 10.05 Welcome

- Monika Skadborg, Board member European Youth Forum



**10.05 – 10.25** Presentation of the report “Escaping the jobs and growth treadmill”

- Jan Mayrhofer, Senior Policy Officer for Sustainable Development, European Youth Forum
- Katy Wiese, Policy Officer for Economic and Environmental Justice, European Environmental Bureau

**10.25 – 10.45** Reactions to the report

- Peter Schmidt, EESC NAT Section President and the Rapporteur on the Sustainable economy we need
- Prof. Dr. Irmi Seidl, Economist, Écoles polytechniques fédérales (ETH)

**10.45 – 10.50** Introduction of break-out groups

- Monika Skadborg, Board member European Youth Forum

**10.50 – 11.40** Break-out groups moderated by

- Katy Wiese, Policy Officer for Economic and Environmental Justice, European Environmental Bureau
- Arnaud Schwartz, President of France Nature Environnement, Member of the EESC

Breakout 1: Universal Basic Income & Job guarantee

Inspirational intervention: Presentation of the Finnish Universal Basic Income (UBI)

- Signe Jauhiainen, Senior Researcher, Kela Research



## Breakout 2: Working time reductions & Democracy at Work

Inspirational intervention: Presentation of the cooperative concept Mondragon

- Ander Etxeberria Otadui, Cooperative Dissemination Mondragon Corporation

**11.45 – 11.55** Reporting back from break-out groups

**11.55 – 11.00** Closure

- Monika Skadborg, Board member European Youth Forum

### Concept note

The workshop/panel should focus on the different pathways needed for the future of work in a wellbeing economy. Together with the European Youth Forum and the European Trade Union Confederation, the EEB recently published a report that provides a policy blueprint for creating employment in a post-pandemic EU and a vision for revolutionising the future of work, including universal basic income, shorter working weeks, job sharing, job guarantees and economic democracy. We would like to present the report and choose one of the options mentioned and to have more in depth-discussion on what is needed to implement those solutions. Questions include, for example, what is needed to implement the alternative? What role does the European Green Deal and/or other EU frameworks play? How can technology and digitalisation accelerate the implementation?

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