



EXTRAORDINARY WORKERS' GROUP MEETING
"The future of democracy in Europe"
29 November 2022, Paris
Economic, Social and Environmental Council (ESEC), Palais d'Iéna 9 Place d'Iéna

DRAFT AGENDA

8.30 – 9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oliver RÖPKE, President of the EESC Workers' Group
9.10 – 9.30	Opening/keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thierry BEAUDET, President of the ESEC, France
9.30 – 12.30 <i>(break between 10.45 and 11.00)</i>	Panel discussion: " Discrimination in Europe: faced with the evidence of failure, what are the prospects for action now? " Moderated by Ozlem YILDIRIM , EESC Workers' Group member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the panel discussion by Claire HÉDON, Head of the French anti-discrimination authority "Défenseur des droits" • Ludovic VOET, ETUC Confederal Secretary in charge of discrimination matters • Sarah GANTY, Researcher at the Human Rights Centre of Ghent University and at the Yale Law School and visiting lecturer at the Central European University • Point of view of 2 national trade union organisations: Céline VERZELETTI, CGT Confederal Secretary, and Branislav RUGANI, CGT-FO Confederal Secretary for the International – Europe sector • Ioannis DIMITRAKOPOULOS, Head a.i. of the Equality, Roma and Social Rights Unit, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) Q+A
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.45	Panel discussion: " Reflection on citizens' participation. Challenges and opportunities for the EESC " Moderated by Christophe QUAREZ , EESC Workers' Group member Setting the scene: presentation of the studies on "EESC scenarios in 2040" and on "Making the EESC the facilitator and guarantor of participatory democracy activities" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katharina SCHÖNEBERG & Sascha MEINERT, on "EESC scenarios in 2040" • Jan Bazyli KLAKLA & Agnieszka KULESA, on "Making the EESC the facilitator and guarantor of participatory democracy activities" • Albert RITZENTHALER, President of the CFDT group of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council Q+A
15.45 – 17.15	Panel discussion: " Discussing democracy " Moderated by Franca SALIS-MADINIER , EESC Workers' Group Vice-President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petros FASSOULAS, Secretary General of the European Movement International • Helmut SCHOLZ, MEP, author of a report on Citizens' dialogues and Citizens' participation in the EU decision-making • Marylise LÉON, CFDT Deputy Secretary General Q+A
17.20 - 17.30	Concluding remarks by Oliver RÖPKE , President of the EESC Workers' Group

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