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Group II – Workers' Group

EXTRAORDINARY WORKERS' GROUP MEETING

9 October 2018

ÖGB premises, Seminar- und Veranstaltungszentrum CATAMARAN,
room Wilhelmine Moik 1501, Johann-Böhm-Platz 1, 1020 Vienna

AGENDA

9 a.m.	Opening session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome address – Gabriele BISCHOFF, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC
9.10 a.m.	Keynote speech: Trade Union Challenges in view of 1 year conservative/right-wing government in Austria – Wolfgang KATZIAN , President of ÖGB
9.30 a.m.	Analysis of the EU Presidency programme and priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions – Valentin WEDL, Head of the EU and International Department, Austrian Federal Chamber of Labour – Hannes SWOBODA, Former Head of the S&D Group in the European Parliament – Oliver RÖPKE, Head of the Brussels office of ÖGB, Group II member Debate
10.45 a.m.	<i>Press point</i>
11.15 a.m.	Nationalists on the rise – Europe globally on the defensive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speaker: – Raimund LÖW, Journalist and Historian Debate
12.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2. p.m.	Trade unions under pressure/attack. How to deal with nationalism, populism and neoliberal policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions – Jörg LEICHTFRIED, Member of the Austrian Parliament – Eva ZEGLOVITS, Political Scientist, IFES - Institute for Empirical Social Studies – Elisa GUTSCHE, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Debate
3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45 p.m.	Trade unions under pressure/attack - National experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction – Rudy DE LEEUW, President of the ETUC, Group II member • Interventions of the members
4.45 p.m.	Closing remarks Gabriele BISCHOFF , Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC
5.00 p.m.	End of the meeting

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