

## NETLEX CONFERENCE 2021

### NETLEX anniversary conference: “25 YEARS OF TRADE UNION LEGAL ACTIVISM IN EUROPE”

2&3 December 2021

Paris, France

CFDT headquarters

Draft programme

Interpretation: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish tbc

#### Day 1 - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of NETLEX

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

*Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary*

*Laurent Berger, CFDT General Secretary*

09:30 – 11:00 **Session I: The ETUC's legal engagement over the years**

*Chair: Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary*

#### **ETUC Legal and Judicial Activism**

**Julien Louis**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Sciences Po Strasbourg

**Jean Lapeyre**, former ETUC Deputy General Secretary

**Niklas Bruun**, Transnational Trade Union Rights Expert Network (TTUR), Professor Emeritus, Hanken School of Economics

**Klaus Lörcher**, TTUR Member, formerly ETUC Legal Advisor and Legal Secretary of the Civil Service Tribunal of the European Union

**Wiebke Warneck**, EFFAT Political Secretary, former ETUC Legal Advisor

*Q&A with participants*

**Affiliates' testimonies on the support of NETLEX and ETUC Legal Team**



France – **Mathilde Frapard**, Legal Advisor, CFDT  
**Romain Lasserre**, Legal Advisor, Force Ouvrière

Italy – **Andrea Allamprese**, Lawyer, CGIL

Sweden- **Dan Holke**, former Chief Legal Counsel of LO-TCO Legal Protection

*Q&A with participants*

*11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break*

11:20 – 12:30 **Session II: The Council of Europe**

*Chair: Stefan Clauwaert, ETUC Senior Legal & Human Rights Advisor*

**Jan Malinowski**, Head of Department, Council of Europe Social Charter department

**Eliane Chemla**, Vice-President of the European Committee of Social Rights

**Vit Schörm**, CDDH Rapporteur on Social Rights, Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) (tbc)

**Angelika Nußberger**, Former Judge/Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights  
European Court of Human Rights (tbc)

*Q&A with participants*

*Lunch 12:30 – 14:00*

14:00 – 17:00 **Session III: The ETUC's legal work now and in the future**

*Chair: Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary*

**ETUCLEX: Next generation of ETUC legal and judicial activism**

**Joakim Smedman**, ETUC Legal Advisor and **Thomas Taylor Di Pietro**, ETUC Project Officer

**Reinforcing networking in Europe**

**Nicola Countouris**, Director ETUI Research Department Director (tbc)

**Mélanie Schmitt**, TTUR Member, Senior Lecturer in Labour Law, University of Strasbourg

**Marian Schaapman**, ETUI Head of Unit for Health & Safety and **Aude Cefaliello**, ETUI Researcher

**Rudi Buschmann**, Lawyer, DGB Rechtsschutz GmbH (tbc)

**Johanna Wenkebach**, Scientific Director, Hugo Sinzheimer Institut (HSI) (tbc)



15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

**Enhancing the European dimension of trade union legal networking**

**Fabrice Warneck**, Founder, INDEWO - In Defence of Workers

**Jan Buelens**, Founder of ELW Network, Professor at the University of Antwerp and Université Libre de Bruxelles (tbc)

**Enhancing the international dimension of trade union legal networking**

**Maria Helene André**, Director of ACTRAV, ILO

**Anton Leppik**, Executive Secretary ITUC PERC

**Jeff Vogt**, Director, Rule of Law Department, Solidarity Center

*Q&A with participants*

**Conclusion of Session**

**Esther Lynch**, ETUC Deputy General Secretary

**Conclusions of the Day**

**Isabelle Schömann**, *ETUC Confederal Secretary*

*Dinner*



## Day 2: Key legal developments in Europe

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 – 10:00 **Session I: Preserving Human rights during the Covid pandemic**

*Chair: Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary*

**Claes-Mikael Ståhl**, ETUC Deputy General Secretary

**Ozlem Yildirim**, Vice President of Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law Group, European Economic and Social Committee (tbc)

*Q&A with participants*

10:00 – 10:20 Coffee break

10:20 – 11:20 **Session II: Need for EU action on mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence to hold business accountable**

*Chair: Stefan Clauwaert, ETUC Senior Legal & Human Rights Advisor*

**Lara Wolters** MEP, Rapporteur of the 2020 EP report on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability (tbc)

**Clément Beaune**, State Secretary to the French Minister for European and Foreign Affairs, (tbc)

**Dominique Potier**, MP, France

**Manon van Thorre**, Companies department, CSC (tbc)

**Frank Zach**, Head of Unit International and European Trade Union Policy, DGB (tbc)

**Lucia van Westerlaak**, Policy Advisor, FNV

**Claudia Saller**, Director General, European Coalition for Corporate Justice

*Q&A with participants*

11:20 – 11:35 Coffee break



11: 35 –12:30 **Session III: Trade union action in a changing world of work**

*Chair: Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary*

**Artificial Intelligence and the (missing) workplace dimension**

**Brando Benifei**, MEP, Rapporteur on the EU draft AI Regulation (tbc)

**Stefan Gran**, ETUC Senior Advisor

**Aída Ponce**, ETUI Senior Researcher, Foresight unit

*Q&A with participants*

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:50

**Platform Workers: EC at the hedge of a paradigm shift?**

**Ludovic Voet**, ETUC Confederal Secretary

*Q&A with participants*

**Access for the self-employed to collective bargaining: a fundamental right not a competition issue?**

**Joakim Smedman**, ETUC Legal Advisor

**Representative, Cabinet of Margrethe Vestager**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for A Europe Fit for the Digital Age (tbc)

*Q&A with participants*

**Minimum wage and gender pay transparency: fighting in work poverty and discrimination**

**Esther Lynch**, ETUC Deputy General Secretary

*Q&A with participants*

15:50-16:00

**Conclusion:** *Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary*

