

**Changing working conditions in Europe:
Moving towards better work
First findings from Eurofound's 6th European Working Conditions Survey**

*Joint conference organised by Eurofound in cooperation with the
Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union*

Date:	23–24 November 2015
Time:	19.00–21.30 and 8.15–16.30
Venue:	Cercle Cité, Auditorium Cité, 3, Rue Genistre, L-2012 Luxembourg
Languages:	English, French – simultaneous interpretation; German, Spanish – passive

Programme

Monday 23 November 2015

18.40	Bus departs Alvisse Parc Hotel, 120 Route d'Echternach, L-1453 Luxembourg
19.00	Dinner for participants hosted by EU Presidency of Luxembourg at the restaurant 'Greiwels Haff', Bertrange, Luxembourg
19.30	<u>Keynote address</u>
	Nicolas Schmit , Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg

Tuesday 24 November 2015

08.00	Bus departs Alvisse Parc Hotel, 120 Route d'Echternach, L-1453 Luxembourg
08.15	Welcome coffee and registration
08.45	<u>Opening and welcome</u>
	Nicolas Schmit , Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Luxembourg
	Juan Menéndez-Valdés , Director, Eurofound
09.00	<u>Eurofound's 6th European Working Conditions Survey – First Findings</u>
	Agnès Parent-Thirion , Senior Programme Manager, Working Conditions and Industrial Relations Unit, Eurofound
	Q&A and discussion

9.45 Panel Session 1: Changes over time - is work improving?

Chair: Michel de Gols, Director General for Individual Industrial Relations (SPF Emploi, Travail et Concertation Sociale) at the Belgian Ministry of Labour and member of Eurofound's Governing Board

- **Improving Occupational Health and Safety in small and medium companies**, Christa Sedlatschek, Director, EU-OSHA
- **Changes in job quality over time**, Francis Green, Professor of Work and Education Economics, University College London
- **Changes in working conditions over time - Results from 40 years of Finnish quality of work life surveys**, Anna-Maija Lehto, Head of Work Research Unit, Statistics Finland

10.45 Q&A with panel and floor

11.15 Coffee break

11.45 Panel Session 2: Key challenges for working conditions – the future of work

Chair: Lutz Mühl, Managing Director, German Federation of Chemical Employers' Associations (BAVC) and member of Eurofound's Governing Board

- **Findings from the Luxembourg quality of work index: focus on cross-border employment**, David Büchel, Occupational Psychologist, Chamber of Employees, Luxembourg
- **Gender and work over the life course – looking ahead**, Jill Rubery, Professor, Manchester Business School, United Kingdom
- **ICT and work: future opportunities, fresh insecurities**, Pamela Meil, Director of International Studies, Institute for Social Science Research Munich, Germany
- **The Renault experiment: achieving better work through dialogue on good work, a new way forward?** Bernard Prot, Head of Department, National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts (CNAM), France

13.00 Q&A with panel and floor

13.30 Lunch

14.30 **Session 3: Round table - Steps towards improving working conditions / job quality: the policy challenges for 2020 and beyond**

Chair: Erika Mezger, Deputy Director, Eurofound

- **Tom Bevers**, Chair, Employment Committee of the European Union (EMCO)
- **Georgi Pirinski**, MEP (Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats), Bulgaria
- **Francisco Jesús Álvarez Hidalgo**, Acting Head of Unit, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- **Stefania Rossi**, Vice-Chair, BusinessEurope Social Affairs Committee and Vice-Chair, Eurofound's Governing Board
- **Esther Lynch**, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- **David Foden**, Head of Unit, Working Conditions and Industrial Relations, Eurofound

15.30 **Q&A with panel and floor**

16.00 **Closing remarks: Herman Fonck, Chair of Eurofound's Governing Board**

Chair: Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director, Eurofound

16.15 **What next?**

Juan Menéndez-Valdés, Director, Eurofound

16:30 **Event ends – transfer to airport**