

Fifth National Conference

AGENDA

Future of Work 2022

The Spiderweb of the Platform Economy: five years later

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24th of November 2022

12:00-15:00 (CET)

Zoom

12:00-13:30

PANEL DISCUSSION ONE

*New EU Directive on platform work and its impact on the EU and beyond:
comparative views from Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro*

Once adopted, the EU Directive on improving working conditions in (digital) platforms will make an impact on the legal systems of EU Member States. At the same time, it is expected to have a spillover effect on the countries in the neighbourhood of the European Union. The keynote speakers in this panel that will discuss the significance of the Directive for the European Union are **Petra Pirklova**, Policy Officer, Future of Work, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission and **Martin Gruber Risak**, Associate Professor, Department of Labour Law and Law of Social Security, University of Vienna.

We will also examine the potential repercussions of the Directive on Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia – the three countries with a distinct approaches to platform work. We will seek to answer the following questions: Can platform work reverse the trend of youth brain drain and keep the workers in their home countries? What do we need in order to translate this scenario into reality?

We will discuss these topics with **Tomislav Kiš**, Secretary General, New Trade Union, Croatia, **Ana Nives Radović**, Co-Founder and Researcher of SUPER Hub, Montenegro and **Darko Božičić**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Novi Sad.

13:30-13:35

BREAK

EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK OF IVA KUZMANOVIĆ "FALLOUT"

13:35-15:00

PANEL DISCUSSION TWO

Algorithmic management, high-risk AI systems and the world of work

The development of new technologies and artificial intelligence (AI) awakens hope in the increase of efficiency and economic progress. At the same time, it gives rise to concerns as to whether and to what extent these would be human-centered. The platform economy has, with its business model, introduced these topics into the public discourse subtly only to bring them now in the focus of regulators and the public alike.

This session will discuss the ways in which the EU Commission seeks to promote fairness, transparency and accountability of algorithmic management and how these high-risk AI systems have been addressed in the EU Directive and the 2021 draft EU AI Act. At the same time, the discussion will tackle the expansion of automated or semi-automated decision-making systems (ADM) into conventional work environments in the sectors such as banking and finance, education, healthcare, services, retail and in public services. The participants will also examine the approach of the regulators, decision-makers and policy-creators in Serbia to this complex topic that brings together the world of work, privacy and data protection and artificial intelligence.

The keynote speakers in this session: **Alex J. Wood**, Lecturer in the Work, Employment, Organisation and Public Policy Group, University of Bristol, **Ludovic Voet**, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), **Brankica Janković**, Commissioner for Protection of Equality, Republic of Serbia and **Aleksandra Kanjuo Mrčela**, Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana.