

European Network for the fair sharing of working time

Agenda – meeting October 25th-26th 2018

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Today, there is no bottom-up movement and no coordination of organisations to promote the sharing of working time at the European scale. This situation can be explained by the prioritisation given to national and local initiatives for efficiency reasons. Nevertheless, there is a real need to create a common European space to share experiences and ideas between those initiatives. This is the main objective of this network. It is an informal structure open to representatives of organisations, experts and activists. Overall, 40 participants from 15 European countries are expected to be present at this private networking meeting.

Thursday October 25th

13:00 - 13:30 - Welcome and opening

13:30 - 14:15 - Introduction

- General introduction by **Margareta Steinrücke**, **Attac AG Arbeitfairteilen**
- Welcome address by **Andreas Thomsen (tbc)**, **Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung**, and by **Aïcha Magha**, **FGTB**
- Presentation of the main objectives by **Adrien Tusseau** and **David Feltz**, **Collectif Roosevelt**

14:15 - 15:30 - Roundtable 1

Presentations by:

- **Sophie Jänicke** (Responsible for working time, **IG Metall**): *Evaluation of the 28-hour week campaign in Germany*
- **Stan De Spiegelaere** (Researcher, **ETUI**): *Summary of developments in working time in Europe*
- **Aurore Lalucq** (Co-director, **Veblen Institute**): *The role of working time reduction in addressing climate change*

Open debate with all participants (30 min)

15:30 - 16:00 - Break

16:00 - 17:45 - Roundtable 2

Presentations by:

- **Eva Scherz** (Business Advocacy, **GPA-DJP**): *Negotiating working time reduction in a defensive context in Austria*
- **Anne Eydoux** (Researcher, **Économistes Attérés**): *Evaluation of the 35-hour week in France: controversies and facts*
- **Evelyn Zabus** (Business Advocacy, **CSC-CNE**): *From utopia to practice, how to prepare negotiations in Belgium*
- **Sam Groen** (Advisor Working Times, **FNV**): *Using working time reduction to address aging in the Netherlands*

Open debate with all participants (30 min)

17:45 - 18:00 - Conclusions of the first day

19:30 - 22:00 - Dinner

Friday October 26th

09:00 - 9:30 - Welcome and opening

09:30 - 10:15 - Group session: What are our main problems and successes in the fight for working time reduction?

- Discussion, debate and brainstorming in small groups (6-8 participants)

10:15 - 10:30 - Break

10:30 - 11:15 The European working time directive, opportunities and risks

- **Olivier Derruine**, Parliamentary Assistant to Philippe Lamberts, **Greens/EFA Group**
- **Karola Boger**, Political Advisor, **GUE/NGL group**

Open debate with all participants (30 min)

11:15 - 11:30 - Break

11:30 - 12:00 - Discussion on the objectives of the European Network for the fair sharing of working time

- Summary of the group session: identification of the most relevant issues and opportunities for the network
- Debate on the objectives and means of our network

12:00 - 12:30 - Discussion: How could we help each other? What (external) help do we need?

- Open debate and free talk about the possibilities of cooperation between the participants

12:30 - 13:00 - Conclusion

- Summary of the main decisions taken during the meeting and information for the next meeting

13:00 - Lunch

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