

The Future of Europe – a New Labour Market, a New Social Protection
Online Conference

2 October 2020, 10am – 1.10pm

Since Germany took over the EU Council Presidency on 1 July 2020, there has been a particular emphasis on its responsibility in shaping the future of Europe. Many social, digital, environmental, and economic challenges that have long been emerging developments must be integrated globally, but first of all jointly at the European level, to ensure fair and sustainable change.

Taking a labour market as a basis that is adaptive to these developments with numerous social consequences, Diaconia wants to contribute to the COVID 19 pandemic by putting a European focus on existing dependencies on work, social protection, and economic "constraints". Two presentations on European social policy will be complemented by »good practices« in three workshops, in which different members of Eurodiaconia will present and initiate the discussions. In these workshops and the discussion among the participants, an attempt will be made to identify the concrete challenges for modern social protection in Europe and a fair understanding of work.

The contribution of Diaconia for a just and transformative social change across Europe manifests, for example, in our efforts to support the effective implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights. Together we will continue to be a strong actor in the European social economy and advocate for the improvement of the quality of life of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. The results of the conference will be used to further build Diaconia's position for the development of European minimum social standards. Diakonie Deutschland and Eurodiaconia look forward to your participation!

Registration

Please register with Leonie Baumann (LeonieAnja.Baumann@diakonie.de) by 25.09.2020, indicating the letter (A, B, C) of the workshop, in which you would like to participate. The conference will be bilingual German – English. The plenary session and workshop (C) will be interpreted. The dial-in data and more detailed information will be sent to you in due time before the conference.

Conference Agenda

Friday, 2 October 2020	
10:00	Opening Maria Loheide, <i>Member of the Board</i> , Diakonie Deutschland
10:10	New Labor, new digital technology, new society: possible answers of the EU for new schemes of social protection in the 21st century Prof. Dr. habil. Peter Herrmann, South University Changsha, China
10:30	Q&A
10:45	A practical insight into the development of minimum standards for new schemes of social protection in the EU Jan Farzan, <i>Member of the Social Protection Committee</i> , Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Germany
11:00	Q&A
11:15	Break
11:25	Workshops (include special inputs from Members of Eurodiaconia) A) Impact of digitization on employment, e.g. in diaconal contexts B) EU-mobility of workers and recognition of qualifications – an answer to the workforce shortage in a digital context? C) Impact of digitization and new forms of labor on assisted employment
12:25	Plenary Highlights and challenges from the workshops rapporteurs
12:40	Q&A
13:00	Final remarks and Follow-up Heather Roy, <i>General Secretary</i> , Eurodiaconia
13:10	End of the Conference

If you have any questions, please contact our *Policy Officer*, Stefan Kitzmann at stefan.kitzmann@eurodiaconia.org.