

Expert Forum on Social Europe

The event is organised by the European Liberal Forum with the support of SC Albert Maertens and ALDE Party. This event is part of a series of Expert Forums organised around Europe on topical matters and challenges facing the European Union, and will be conducted as the ALDE Party considers its manifesto for the 2019 elections to the European Parliament. This forum will be particularly focus on the EU Social Pillar aiming to discuss the changes, their potential implications and challenges ahead specifically regarding the consequences of the labour mobility in the EU and the future of work in a heavily changing Europe.

DATE Wednesday, 16 May 2018
TIME 12:30 - 16:15
PLACE Liberaal Archief, Kramersplein 23, 9000, Gent

12:30 - 13:30 **ARRIVALS**
LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

13:30 - 13:35 **WELCOME**
Representative Liberaal Archief (tbc)

13:35 - 13:45 **WELCOME ON BEHALF OF EUROPEAN LIBERAL FORUM**
Martina Dlabajová MEP, Member of the ELF Board (tbc)

13:45 - 14:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
Representative from Open Vld (tbc)

14:00 - 16:00 *Labour Mobility & The Future of Work in a Changing Europe*

The panel aim at discussing the current changes and challenges related to the EU Social Pillar. The growing trends of intra-EU mobility has led to the inflow of young and working-age EU mobile citizens who appear to be contributing to the economy of the hosting cities by filling gaps in the labour market and by supporting the development or sustainment of some core sectors of the local economy. At the same time, it is also producing social and cultural impacts, by influencing local communities and their well-being, with effects on several areas such as housing, the education system, social cohesion and relations between the newcomers and the host communities. he need to manage challenges and maximising benefits seems higher than ever. During this event we will also discuss the economic and societal implications of technological innovation for work and sound policies to prepare European labour markets for the future. Automation, digitalisation, and other forms of technological innovations are indeed rapidly changing the fundamental nature of work. Managing this transition is an important challenge, amid a growing polarisation between high and low skill jobs, unemployment, and a mismatch between skills and jobs.

DISCUSSION WITH

Martina Dlabajová MEP, ANO & Member of the Manifesto Drafting Committee

Christian Pipel, Research fellow, NEOS Lab

Prof. Marc De Vos, Director of Itinera Institute and professor on European employment and labour law, University of Ghent (tbc)
Representative form Open VLD (tbc)

MODERATED BY

Annelou Van Egmond, D66 & ALDE Party Vice President

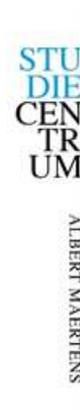
16:00 -16:15 CLOSING REMARKS

16:15 RECEPTION

WORKING LANGUAGE

English, French (translation provided)

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