



Justice & Peace Europe Workshop, Valletta 10-11th November 2023

The Changing World of Work - A transversal justice issue

Work is an integral part of our identity. It is more than a way of making a living. It should help people foster their personal development, find their role in society and contribute to that common good which respects the world's social and environmental boundaries.

But what does all this mean in a world of work which is currently undergoing profound and radical changes? While some changes are country and industry specific, the paradigm shift is transnational and applies to almost every sector of the economy. Our understanding of work and of the relationships associated with it - between employer and employees and between employees themselves - is being dramatically upended by these rapid transformations.

How can we prevent the loss of structured work environments from becoming synonymous with lifelong precarious work? As jobs become more flexible, and the line between professional and private lives more blurred, how do we avoid the dangers of self-exploitation and work-related stress which comes from the need to be permanently available? In the case of jobs at the lower income scale, which in Europe are often occupied by third-country nationals, how do we avoid exploitative practices made worse by the advent of an under-regulated platform economy?

The **2023 Justice & Peace (Europe) International Workshop** will seek to explore these issues by helping participants learn more about the different ways in which the world of work is changing in Europe and explore the social and economic consequences of these rapid changes. Set in the historical setting of Valletta and the Great Harbour region, the meetings planned throughout the workshop will help shed light on the risk to workers' rights which are being magnified by the evolving nature of work, whilst also giving space to work practices which are respectful of the dignity and rights of workers.

Programme:

Friday 10th November:

19:30 Opening of Conference (Venue: Jesuit Church Oratory, Valletta)

Welcome address:	Daniel Darmanin (President of Justice and Peace Commission, Malta)
Welcome address:	Dr Cécile Dubernet, (Acting President of Justice and Peace Europe)
Video-message:	Dr Roberta Metsola (President of the European Parliament)
Keynote speech:	Sr Alessandra Smerilli (Secretary at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development)
Concluding remarks:	His Excellency Charles J. Scicluna, Archbishop of Malta

A small reception will follow.

Saturday 11th November:

09:30 Plenary session (Venue: Gran Salon, Archaeological Museum, Valletta)

Are workers' rights under threat? Which rights? Which workers?

Round-table discussion moderated by Mr Mario Xuereb:

Speakers: Mr Josef Vella (CEO, UHM – Voice of the Workers)
Dr Marthese Portelli (CEO, Malta Chamber)
Mr Lorenzo Vella (Head of the European Commission
Representation in Malta)

10:45 Coffee break

Participants are kindly asked to choose one of the following thematic workshops, which will run in parallel:

Workshop A: Platform economy? Or modern slavery? (Venue: Gran Salon, Archaeological Museum, Valletta)

11:15 Session 1: Panel discussion moderated by Mr Mario Xuereb

Panellists: Dr Katrine Camilleri (Jesuit Refugee Service / Justice and Peace Commission); Mr John Mallia (Malta Co-operative Federation); Mr Andre' Callus (Moviment Graffiti)

12:30 Coffee break

12:45 Session 2: Discussion between workshop participants moderated by Mr Mario Xuereb

Workshop B: Losing their lives whilst making a living – Accidents and deaths on construction sites (Venue: Sala del Conte, Domus Zamittello)

11:15 Session 1: Panel discussion moderated by Dr Patricia Bonello

Panellists: Dr Daniela Debono (Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Malta / Justice and Peace Commission); Mr Alexander Borg (Żgħażaġh Haddiema Nsara); Ms Tina Urso (Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation)

12:30 Coffee break

12:45 Session 2: Discussion between workshop participants moderated by Dr Patricia Bonello

Workshop C: A culture of permanent availability or a duty to remain connected (Venue: Church of Saint Francis of Assisi)

11:15 Session 1: Panel discussion moderated by Mr Walance Buttigieg Scicluna

Panellists: Mr Stefano Mallia (President of the European and Social Committee Employers' Group); Rev. Dr. Paul Sciberras (Associate Professor in Sacred Scripture, Hebrew & Greek at the Faculty of Theology, University of Malta); Mr Julian Naudi (HR Manager)

12:30 Coffee break

12:45 Session 2: Discussion between workshop participants moderated by Mr Walance Buttigieg Scicluna

Workshop D: Young people and work: a changing relationship (Venue: Domus Zamittello, Sala Nobile)

11:15 Session 1: Panel discussion moderated by Mr Matthew Grech

Panellists: Mr Roberto Calleja (Youth worker at the Junior College Student Advisory Services); Architect David Xuereb (Chairman, Malta Council for Economic and Social Development); Ms Charlene Bonello & Ms Marilyn Dimech (Żgħażaġh Azzjoni Kattolika)

12:30 Coffee break

12:45 Session 2: Discussion between workshop participants moderated by Mr Matthew Grech

13:45 Concluding Plenary Session (Venue: Gran Salon, Archaeological Museum, Valletta)

14:00 Networking lunch (Venue: Gran Salon, Archaeological Museum, Valletta)