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Wednesday 21 February 2024, 15.00-19.00 hrs
European Parliament, Brussels, PHS 3 C 50



15.00 hrs — Welcome speech
Manfred WEBER MEP,
Chairman of the EPP Group *(tbc)*

Special intervention by
Evika SILINA,
New Prime Minister of Latvia *(tbc)*

Introductory keynote speech by
Esther DE LANGE MEP, EPP Group Chair
Working Group Economy and Environment

15.30 hrs — **Panel I: Cost of living crisis: quality jobs in a future oriented economy**

Moderator: **Jack Parrock**

- Building on the Social Climate Fund, we must take care that our climate targets are not carried out on the backs of people (especially the vulnerable)
- Access to housing and affordable housing
- Strategic re-industrialisation of key technologies / job creation / skills development / EU year for skills/ retrain worker for green and digital transition/ fighting brain drain/ attracting the right skills

Panelists: *(tbc)*

Exchange of views

16.10-16.15 hrs — Technical Break

16.15-16.55 hrs — **Panel II: Modern world of work**

Moderator: **Jack Parrock**

- How must the world of work adapt to our modern reality?
- Fighting fake self-employment in the digital world / platform workers
- How to make the EU more family-friendly/ childcare / Encouraging best practise / education/ compatibility family and career
- Fair conditions for cross-border workers/ enabling labour mobility

Panelists: *(tbc)*

Intervention by
Karien van GENNIP,
Dutch Minister of Social Affairs and Employment *(tbc)*

Exchange of views

16.55-17.05 hrs — Concluding remarks by
Dennis RADTKE MEP, Coordinator
Employment and Social Affairs Committee in the European Parliament

17.05-19.00 hrs — **Cocktail Reception**
Grand Café Spinelli, ASP 00 G

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