



## THE FUTURE IS HERE: AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

Wednesday, 1 December 2021, 9.00–16.30

Videoconference platform Zoom

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Moderator:	Boštjan ROMIH
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9.00–9.05	<b>Introduction</b>
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9.05–9.15	<b>Welcome speech</b> Janez CIGLER KRALJ, Minister of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia
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9.15–9.45	<b>Working in Tomorrow's Europe</b> Barbara GERSTENBERGER, Head of Unit Working Life European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)
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9.45–10.15	<b>Emerging risks and challenges to workers' safety and health</b> William COCKBURN, Interim Executive Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
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10.15–10.30	<b>Discussion</b>
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10.30–10.35	<b>Active Break</b> PKMO – Promotion of activities for prevention of musculoskeletal disorders and psychosocial risks at work ( <a href="https://pkmo.si/">https://pkmo.si/</a> )
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<b>Challenge: The COVID-19 Pandemic</b>	
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10.35–10.55	<b>Long COVID-19</b> Prof Dr Bojana BEOVIĆ, MD, President of the Medical Chamber of Slovenia
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10.55–11.15	<b>Return-to-work after COVID-19 and long COVID: Guidelines for managers and recovering workers</b> Dr Elke SCHNEIDER, Senior Project Manager Dr Ioannis ANYFANTIS, Project Manager European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
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11.15–11.25 **Discussion**

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11.25–11.30 **Active Break**

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**Challenge: Teleworking**

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11.30–11.50 **Workers want to telework but long working hours, isolation and inadequate equipment must be tackled**

Oscar VARGAS LLAVE, Research Manager  
European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

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11.50–12.10 **Teleworking, between efficiency and chaos: (un)adapted management**

Assoc Prof Dr Simona ŠAROTAR ŽIŽEK  
University of Maribor, Faculty of Economics and Business

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12.10–12.20 **Discussion**

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12.20–13.00 **Lunch break**

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**Challenge: Modern technologies in working environment**

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13.00–13.20 **Digitisation in the workplace – What does it mean for work organisation, job quality and OSH?**

Sara RISO, Research Manager  
European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)

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13.20–13.40 **New forms of worker management using AI and their impact on OSH**

Emmanuelle BRUN, Senior Project Manager  
European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

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13.40–13.50 **Discussion**

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13.50–13.55 **Active Break**

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### Challenge: Work-related psychosocial risks and mental health of workers

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13.55–14.15    **Managing psychosocial risks and stress in the digital work environment**  
Sarah COPSEY, Project Manager  
European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

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14.15–14.35    **(Mis)use of psychoactive substances at workplace**  
Prof Dr Aleksandra KANJUO MRČELA  
Faculty of Social sciences of the University of Ljubljana

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14.35–14.45    **Discussion**

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14.45–14.50    **Active Break**  
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### Possible directions of development for occupational safety and health

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14.50–15.10    **Possible directions of development for the working environment through the eyes of a sociologist**  
Prof Dr Renata SALECL, Researcher  
Institute of Criminology at the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana

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15.10–15.30    **Views of trade unions representatives**  
Lučka BÖHM, Executive Secretary  
Association of Free Trade Unions of Slovenia  
Ignacio DORESTE, Advisor  
European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

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15.30–15.50    **Views of employers' representatives**  
Igor ANTAUER, Head of the Employers' Interest Group of the National Council of the Republic of Slovenia  
Rebekah SMITH, Deputy Director  
Business Europe

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15.50–16.10    **Views of government representatives**  
Katja RIHAR BAJUK, Director General  
Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia

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16.10–16.20    **Closing remarks**  
Charlotte GREVFORS ERNOULT, Head of Unit  
European Commission

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16.20–16.30    **Closing speech**  
Dr Alenka FORTE, MD, State Secretary  
Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia

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**The conference is organised by the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia as part of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.**

**The conference will be held in Slovenian and English.  
Simultaneous translation will be provided.**

**The conference is free of charge.**

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