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Quality Jobs for Europe: From Ambition to Action

Shaping the Future of Quality Jobs in Europe

Europe is at a crossroads. The green, digital and demographic transitions, an increasingly competitive global race, and a volatile geopolitical order are reshaping the world of work at speed. Yet just as working people need it most, the wider political debate has tilted toward deregulation and competitiveness, and the ambition for a Social Europe risks being pushed to the margins.

The forthcoming Quality Jobs Act is a chance to reverse that drift and prove that competitiveness and quality jobs are not opposites — that a fairer Europe is also a stronger, more resilient one. Workers deserve a real say in shaping this change, and the Act must deliver for them: putting social progress back at the centre of Europe's agenda and delivering quality jobs in every sector and every region.

Join policymakers, social partners and experts as we debate how to turn this ambition into a new legislative initiative. Discussions will focus on the six priorities ETUC has put on the table: **algorithmic management and AI at work, just transitions, occupational safety and health, protecting workers' rights in subcontracting and intermediation, enforcement and the role of social partners, and telework and the right to disconnect.**

Political promises or recommendations alone will not be enough for a Europe that truly delivers for working people — only binding, enforceable rules can guarantee these standards are upheld consistently across every Member State and every sector.

DATE

5 November 2026

LOCATION

ReSpace,
Rue de Trèves 74, Brussels

LANGUAGE

English

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PROGRAMME

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08:45 – 09:15	Registration		
09:15 – 09:45	Welcome Remarks Opening remarks		
09:45 – 10:30	Keynote speech		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 12:30	First round of parallel sessions		
	PARALLEL SESSION 1 Subcontracting and labour intermediation	PARALLEL SESSION 2 OSH: Psychosocial risks, gender-based violence, musculoskeletal disorders, and occupational heat and extreme weather	PARALLEL SESSION 3 Secure employment, enforcement and the role of the social partners
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 15:30	Second round of parallel roundtables		
	PARALLEL SESSION 4 Just transition	PARALLEL SESSION 5 AI and Algorithmic Management in the workplace	PARALLEL SESSION 6 Telework and right to disconnect
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00 – 17:15	Final panel and a follow up actions for ambitious Quality Jobs Act		
17:15 – 18:30	Reception, drinks		

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