

# ONLINE CONFERENCE 22.-23.10.2020

EUROPEAN NETWORK  
FOR THE FAIR SHARING  
OF WORKING TIME



## WORKING TIME REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CRISIS

THE PLACE OF WORKING TIME REDUCTION  
IN THE SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

**THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2020**

Online Conference via Zoom (Central European Time – UTC+2)

**13:00 – 13:30** **Welcome and opening**

**13:30 – 14:00** **Introduction**

General introduction by Margareta Steinrücke, [Attac AG Arbeitfairteilen](#) (DE)

Welcome address by Andreas Thomsen, [Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung](#) (DE)

Welcome address by Philippe Pochet, [European Trade Union Institute](#)

Presentation of the roundtables and the agenda by Adrien Tusseau, [Roosevelt Network](#) (FR)

**14:00 – 16:00** **Recent examples of initiatives and experimentations of the WTR in Europe**

Moderation by Margareta Steinrücke, [Attac Germany](#)

Sophie Jänicke [IG Metall](#) (DE): *Results of the IG Metall campaign on working time reduction*

Gudmundur Haraldsson [ALDA](#) (Iceland): *Presentation of the experimentations*

Maxime Nys [CGSP ACOD](#) (BE): *4 days week Experimentation in the Saint Josse Ten Noode Townhall*

Open debate with all participants

**16:00 – 16:30** **Break**

**16:30 – 18:30** **The place of the working time reduction in a post growth society**

Moderation by Philipp Frey, [Zentrum für Emanzipatorische Technikforschung](#) (DE)

Juliet Schor, Professor of Sociology, [Boston College](#) (US)

Will Stronge, [Think Tank Autonomy](#) (UK)

Beate Zimpelmann, Professor in Politics and Sustainability, [Hochschule of Bremen](#) (DE)

Open debate with all participants

**18:30 – 18:45** **Conclusion of the first day  
and information about the next roundtables**

The conference will be held in English



## FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2020

Online Conference via Zoom (Central European Time – UTC+2)

**08:45–09:00** **Welcome and opening**

**09:00–11:00** **The place of the working time reduction in the Green New Deal propositions and initiatives for climate:**

**How to help people in the transition to the WTR**

Moderation by **Alexandra Arntsen**, **Nottingham Business School** (UK)

**David Adler**, Coordinator, **Coalition Green New Deal For Europe**

**Martin Schirdewan** MEP, **GUE/NGL Group** (DE)

**Pierre Larrouturou**, MEP, **S&D Group** (FR)

Open debate with all participants

**11:00–11:30** **Break**

**11:30–13:00** **The French Example: Behind the myth**

**Effects and consequences of the 35 hours 20 years after**

Moderation by **Adrien Tusseau**, **Roosevelt Network** (FR)

**Anne Eydoux**, Senior lecturer in economics, **Cnam, Lise-CNRS & CEET** (FR)

**Nelly Mbila** Public Relations Manager, **YPREMA** (FR)

Open debate with all participants

**13:00–14:30** **Break**

**14:30–16:30** **Coalition of Trade Unions and NGO's to promote working time reduction in the fight against climate crisis**

Moderation by **Aidan Harper**, **News Economics Foundation** (UK)

**Esther Lynch**, Deputy General Secretary, **European Trade Union Confederation**

**Sean Sweeney**, **Trade Unions for Energy Democracy**

**Katharina Stierl**, **Students for Future** (DE)

**Rachel White**, **4 day week Campaign** (UK)

Open debate with all participants

**16:30–17:00** **Conclusion of the conference**

Summary of the events and information about the next projects of the network

Where to find us? Who to contact to join the network?

Conclusion

**DETAILS, PROGRAM AND INFORMATION** <https://tinyurl.com/rosalux-conference>

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### European Network for the fair sharing of working time

Today, there is no bottom-up movement and no coordination of organisations to promote the sharing of working time at the European scale. This situation can be explained by the prioritisation given to national and local initiatives for efficiency reasons. Nevertheless, there is a real need to create a common European space to share experiences and ideas between those initiatives. This is the main objective of this network. It is an informal structure open to representatives of organisations, experts and activists.

The conference will be held in English

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