

**The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Brussels kindly invites you to**

Public Conference

**Automotive industry – Just Transition and the development  
of alternatives in the international value chains**

Monday, 27 June 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 28 June 2022 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In-Presence Event in Brussels, Belgium

In the MAI, Maison des Associations Internationales, Rue Washington 40, 1050 Brussels

**Interpretation:** English, German, Spanish, French

Rising fuel prices, poor public transport services in rural areas, increasing financial pressure on middle and low-income households and the advancing climate crisis make it clear: we need a change of course in the transport sector. The European Commission's Green Deal envisages a 90 percent reduction of greenhouse gases in the transport sector by 2050. The additional challenge is to extract the raw materials and resources for the transformation of our economy in a way that respects the rights of workers and the affected population in the extraction areas and complies with environmental standards.

The international car industry, the transport sector in general and its employees are facing multiple challenges. The shift towards electric mobility, shared mobility, mobility platforms and autonomous driving are placing new demands on the skills profile of employees. In addition, the increasing digitalisation of production is also changing working conditions in companies. At the same time, the international car industry is repeatedly shaken by sales crises, despite extensive rescue packages put together in some parts of the world during the Corona pandemic.

But also the challenges of climate change, the traffic situation in our cities worldwide and the resources needed for the production of electric cars make it clear that the development of alternative production is necessary for the mobility turnaround, the strengthening of the circular economy and public services such as public transport. At the same time, the question is how to involve workers in this process and how to ensure that the alternative production of vehicles for public transport creates good work locally.

We invite trade unionists, scientists, climate activists and politicians from different regions of the world to discuss together:

- How can local workers' rights be strengthened in the face of the ongoing transformation and relocation of production in the automotive industry? What are the current challenges?
- How must the transition to electromobility be shaped in order to secure workers' rights, preserve jobs and create Good Work?
- How can alternative production be established locally? What are the current challenges locally and within international value chains?
- How can workers and trade unions in the international automotive industry be strengthened to achieve better working conditions and the production of alternative goods for public transport and rail transport?
- What changes are needed locally and internationally to create a corresponding demand for alternative vehicles?
- How must this transition be designed to secure jobs and create new ones?
- What is the role of reclaiming public services, such as public transport? How can we strengthen this narrative?

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### **Opening Session**

- Prof Dr Heinz Bierbaum, President of the European Left Party (confirmed)
- Özlem Alev Demirel, Member of the European Parliament, THE LEFT (confirmed)
- Marga Ferré, Co-President of transform!europe (confirmed)
- Philippe Pochet, European Trade Union Institute (confirmed)

## **Tuesday, 28 June 2022 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

### **Just Transition and Alternative Production in Europe**

- Benjamin Denis, IndustriALL Europe (confirmed)
- Denis Breant (CGT, France) (to be confirmed)
- Rafael Guerrero (CCOO, Spain) (confirmed)
- Ulrike Eifler, Spokesperson Working group on Trade Unions and Companies (Betrieb und Gewerkschaft), DIE LINKE. Germany (confirmed)
- Károly György, Hungarian Trade Union Confederation (Hungary) (to be confirmed)
- Matteo Gaddi, Claudio Sabattini Foundation, Italy (confirmed)
- Aleksandar Todić, Trade Unionist Auto Industry, Serbia (confirmed)

**Facilitator:** Manuela Kropp, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Brussels

## **Just Transition and Alternative Production in international value chains**

- Trade Unionist Automotive Industry South Africa (to be confirmed)
- David Shiling Tsai and Renato Boareto, Institute IEMA, Brazil (confirmed)

## **Alternatives – mobility industry and public ownership**

- James Bartholomeusz, International Transport Workers' Federation (to be confirmed)
- Dr Mario Candeias, Director of the Institute for Social Analysis of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (confirmed)
- Ellie Harrison, Get Glasgow Moving, Scotland (confirmed)

**Facilitator:** Stephan Krull, Chair of Expert Round on Future, Car, Environment and Mobility (ZAUM) of Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung

## **Conclusions**

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our conference.

In order to register, please send an e-mail to: [manuela.kropp@rosalux.org](mailto:manuela.kropp@rosalux.org)

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