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# Wellbeing of digitalized societies and workplaces

**European Conference  
Strasbourg (France)  
10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

*CALL*

*Church Action on  
Labour and Life*

*European network  
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**Digitalization is changing life and work in our societies. In fact it has become part of our daily life and shapes more than we realize.**

**A holistic approach in ethical reflection and practical doing is necessary, taking into account economic, social and ecological aspects. This will be the overarching approach of the conference in Strasbourg.**

**Wellbeing in society and workplaces can be strengthened by digital progress, but it needs ethical and not only economic guidelines.**

Digitalization offers many opportunities of connecting people and organizations across Europe, a process which the European institutions, as well as companies and their interrelated work encourage.

*Register here:*

<https://www.kda-wue.de/veranstaltungen?title=wellbeing-of-digitalized-societies-and-work-place&detail=61a640287b247&eventdate=61a6404ea301a>

The 2022 “Church Action on Labour and Life” conference in Strasbourg wants to stimulate ethical reflection by pluriperspective discussions.

It will be offering information about the latest proposals of the EU-Commission, about good and best practices in different European countries in the fields of e-commerce, e-government, strengthening neighbourhood relations. This information will be related to theological positions and through this offer ethical discussion between ourselves and with Members of the European Parliament.

The debate will be led by theologians from both Protestant and Orthodox traditions, by specialists of digital companies, trade unions and regional administrations coming from all over Europe. This will help to work towards better guidelines for a digitalization that contributes to the wellbeing of societies and workplaces.

Welcome to Strasbourg from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022!



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Centre Culturel St. Thomas  
2 rue de la Carpe Haute  
F-67000 Strasbourg  
Participation fee: 335,- € (ask for reductions)

### Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

10–11.30 **optional:** Visit to “kooglof” a digital cooperative in Strasbourg  
12.15 Lunch  
13.30 Welcome – coffee – getting to know one to another  
14.30 Opening of the conference – *live streamed*  
Rev. Dr. Jørgen Skov Sørensen (General Secretary, CEC-KEK)  
Rev. Albrecht Knoch, CALL coordinator  
**GENERAL APPROACH:**  
15.00 Lecture: Freedom in digitalized contexts, Prof. Dr. Traugott Jähnichen (Faculty of Theology Bochum, Germany)  
15.45 Response: Ludovic Voet (European Trade Unions Confederation, Brussels)  
16.00 Plenary debate  
break  
17.00 Panel with MEPs from different countries and political groups:  
Mia-Petra Kumpula-Natri, Social Democrats  
Alexandra Geese, Greens / EFA  
Sylvie Brunet, Renew (to be confirmed)  
Break – *end of live stream*  
18.30 Dinner  
19.30 Networking  
20.30 Evening prayers – in the chapel  
20.45 Time for socialising

### Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

8.45 Morning prayers – *live streamed*  
9.00 **SOCIAL DIMENSION:**  
Workplaces and Environment  
Lecture: Platform economy and new EU directive (in work)  
Ludovic Voet (European Trade Unions Confederation, Brussels)  
9.45 Lecture: How digitalization can be made sustainable, Selim Alexandre Arrad (Eurometropole Strasbourg, France)  
*end of live stream*  
11.00 Split into two work groups with Ludovic Voet and Selim Alexandre Arrad  
12.15 lunch  
13.30 **Regions and neighbourhoods—live streamed**  
(Introduction: Rev. Dr. Kari Latvus):  
AuroraAI: national AI programme – Finland:  
Aleksi Kopponen (Ministry of Finance)  
Rev. Jari Pulkkinen (church council)  
“Next Mannheim” Anna Blaich (Germany)  
14.15 Split into two work groups with A. Kopponen / J. Pulkkinen and A. Blaich  
15.30 Response and theolog-ethical perspective, First conclusions  
Rev. Henna Ahlfors (Finland)  
Dr. Pete Philipps (United Kingdom)  
17.30 Plenary debate  
18.30 Dinner – *end of live stream*  
19.30 Networking and reflection: Next steps in the CALL network after this conference  
20.30 Evening prayers - in the chapel

### Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**TOWARDS ETHICAL GUIDELINES – live streamed**  
8.45 Morning prayers  
9.00 Introduction Rev. Canon Dr. Alwyn Pettersen  
Lecture: Church communion in a digitalized world. Dr. Julija Naett Vidovic, Professor of patrology at the Orthodox institute of Saint-Serge, associate at the Institute of Ecumenical Studies (Paris, France)  
9.45 Response: Rev. Christian Krieger President of CEC / incoming President of Fédération Protestante de France (Brussels/Paris)  
Response: Stefano Frache, PhD Italy followed by plenary debate  
10.30 Coffee break  
11.00 **CONCLUSION AND PERSPECTIVES**  
(Rev. Albrecht Knoch)  
12.00 Concluding prayers  
(Rev. Christian Krieger) – *end of live stream*  
12.15 lunch  
13.30 departure



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