

## Joint UNI Europa / FES Webinar

# Remote Work: Who will be the real winners?

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### SPEAKERS LIST



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**Anna Banczyk** is a Deputy Head of Unit "Employment Strategy" in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL). She has an academic background in sociology and psychology and professional experience as a researcher and HR management specialist. Since joining DG EMPL in 2015 Anna has been focusing on policy development and evaluation in the area of occupational safety and health and working conditions. In her current position Anna works on topics related to new forms of work and work organisation, such as platform work and telework.



**Ibàn Garcia del Blanco**, elected member of the European Parliament in 2019, after a political career at local and national level, he is Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) and the coordinator of the S&D Group in the Special Committee for Artificial Intelligence in the Digital Age. He has been the European Parliament rapporteur on the first legislative initiative report worldwide to establish an ethical framework for artificial intelligence. @Ibangarciadb

**Birte Dedden** is Director of the ICTS (information, communication and technology services) sector at UNI Europa, the European services worker union. In her current role, Birte is leading UNI Europa's work on AI, focusing on the impact of new technologies on workers. She is also responsible for the ICTS policies and activities regarding digital skills, social dialogue, remote work and European Works Councils. Before joining UNI Europa, Birte has worked many years as Parliamentary Assistant in the European Parliament with a special focus on the IMCO and LIBE committees. Birte holds a Master degree (Magister Artium and Maîtrise ès lettres) in comparative literature, French and philosophy, and a Master of Arts in International Politics.





**Mike Eatwell** became a full-time Officer in 1991 of the Graphical Paper and Media Union and before that Senior Union Rep at the Financial Times Group. In 2005 the GPMU merged with AMICUS and he became responsible for the London ICT membership. In 2008 AMICUS merged with the Transport and General Workers Union to form UNITE and Mike set up the National Advisory Committee for ICT workers in the union. Mike is also National Lead Officer for UNITE's postal service members. He joined the Steering Committee of UNI ICTS in 2015 and is currently Acting President of the UNI ICTS Sector.

**Maureen Hick** is Director of UNI Europa Finance and currently Acting Coordinator of UNI Finance at the global level. She is responsible for the European finance sector social dialogues and European Works Councils and supports UNI Finance on remote work and on its Global Framework Agreements with key multinationals, including on human rights due diligence. Maureen is also an expert in EU policy, having led on European advocacy and research for the British trade union GMB and as senior parliamentary assistant to a Labour MEP before that. She has a Degree in European Studies and Modern Languages (French, Italian, Spanish) from the University of Bath and an International Diploma in Political Science from Sciences Po Paris.



**Oscar Vargas Llave** is a Research Manager in the Working Life unit at Eurofound, EU Agency based in Dublin. Originally from Vitoria (Basque Country, Spain), Oscar manages projects on working conditions and related policies. He specialises in topics related to the organisation of working time, health and well-being, and ageing issues. He is also interested in social and occupational inequalities. Currently he is applying his background to manage research related to digitalisation and working conditions. In this area he leads Eurofound projects on Telework and the Right to Disconnect. Before joining Eurofound in December 2009, he worked as project coordinator in the field of health and safety and was responsible for the Professional Card Scheme for the Construction Sector in Spain at the non-profit bipartite Fundación Laboral de la Construcción in Madrid. He has an academic background in industrial sociology (Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca), and also holds a Diploma in Social Science Research Methods from the University of Cardiff (Wales, UK) and a Master's Degree on Health and Safety from the Autonomous Community of Madrid Region.

**Oliver Röpke** has been the president of the EESC Workers' Group since March 2019 and an EESC member since 2009. He has been the head of the Brussels office of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) since 2008, a member of the federal executive board, ÖGB representative in the ETUC and a member of the Social Dialogue Committee. He holds a degree in law from the University of Vienna. [@oliverroepke](#)





The webinar is moderated by **Rowena Hennigan**. Rowena is a remote work skills specialist at RoRemote, a lecturer at Technological University Dublin, and the author of [“Better Breaks for Remote Workers: Gentle Exercises to Recharge”](#).