

Online Public Hearing on “Imbalances in social protection in general and specifically for the "new forms of work" and "atypical workers"”

**Hybrid meeting via Interactio, EESC – JDE60
Thursday, 6 June 2024 from 10:00 to 13:00**

ABSTRACT

The current state of social protection systems in Europe reveals significant imbalances, particularly concerning workers in non-standard or new forms of employment such as temporary contracts, part-time work, on-call work, platform work, self-employment and other. Consequently, many workers face deficits in social protection coverage, with women experiencing lower pensions on average due to employment and institutional gaps. The COVID-19 crisis further exposed inequalities in access to social protection, highlighting the need for reforms to accommodate changing labour markets and ensure fair transitions amidst digital and demographic shifts. While the European Pillar of Social Rights aims to address these issues, gaps persist, necessitating improvements in legal frameworks and policies. Against this background, this own-initiative opinion aims to identify the imbalances in social protection in standard and atypical forms of work and presents concrete recommendations on how to achieve a better balance in social protection systems and to reduce the gap in social security among workers irrespective of their type of employment.

PROGRAMME

09:30–10:00	Testing possibility for the Interactio tool
10:00–13:00	Online Public Hearing
10:00–10:15	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Juliane Marie Neiiendam, EESC Study Group President ▪ Maria del Carmen Barrera Chamorro, EESC Rapporteur
10:15–11:00	Panel I – European and international framework for identifying and addressing the imbalances in social protection <p>Interventions by (10 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carmen Salcedo Beltrán, Professor of Labour Law, University of Valencia, Spain, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe ▪ Dana-Carmen Bachmann, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG EMPL, Social Protection Unit, (TBC) ▪ ILO, Social Protection Department or ILO Brussels Liaison Office (TBC)

	<p>Moderator: Juliane Marie Neiiendam, EESC Study Group President</p> <p>Questions and answers (15 minutes)</p>
11:00–11:45	<p>Panel II – <i>The role of social partners for identifying and addressing the imbalances in social protection</i></p> <p>Interventions by (10 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Giulio Romani, Confederal Secretary, ETUC (TBC) ▪ Maxime Cerutti, Director, BusinessEurope (TBC) ▪ Thibaud Deruelle, Researcher, European Social Observatory / Ilda Durri, Researcher, European Social Observatory (TBC) <p>Moderator: María del Carmen Barrera Chamorro, EESC Rapporteur</p> <p>Questions and answers (15 minutes)</p>
11:45–12:45	<p>Panel III – <i>EU/national (good) practices for identifying and addressing the imbalances in social protection</i></p> <p>Interventions by (10 minutes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ María Luz Rodríguez Fernández, Professor of Labour and Social Security Law UCLM, Spain ▪ Adrián Todolí Signes, Lecturer in Labour and Social Security Law, University of Valencia, Spain ▪ Claire Marzo, Assistant Professor, University Paris Est, France <p>Moderator: Christa Schweng, EESC Study Group Member (TBC)</p> <p>Questions and answers (20 minutes)</p>
12:45–12:55	<p>Conclusions by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ María del Carmen Barrera Chamorro, EESC Rapporteur
12:55–13:00	<p>Closing of the hearing by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Juliane Marie Neiiendam, EESC Study Group President

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