

On the Agenda

European Minimum Wage

Zoom Webinar

Recorded on 13 October 2021, 16:00 – 16:45 (CEST)

About the event

For this 15th *On the Agenda* webinar, the European Liberal Forum will focus on the European Social Agenda and discuss the way forward in tackling social challenges. As shown in the recent Eurobarometer survey, 88% of Europeans expect the EU to contribute to their economic and social security. Citizens across the continent are asking for bold actions to be taken.

The 2021 Work Programme of the European Commission includes "*An economy that works for people*", claiming social challenges as one of its key concerns. Under the patronage of the Portuguese presidency of the Council and the Commission, an EU Social Summit was organised in Porto this year to discuss a common approach to mitigating the social implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. This Summit was meant to advance on the European Pillar of Social Rights and presented a growing determination to push for more initiatives in social and labour policies on the European level.

Liberals across Europe need to seize this opportunity to address current and future social challenges as we need European policies that address citizens' *immediate and long-term needs and provide them with both the security and incentives to conduct meaningful, productive, and creative lives.*

One of the most discussed and sensitive topics is whether a European Minimum Wage should arise across Member States and how to get there. This *On the Agenda* event will be the opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of this policy at a European level and try to see what the next steps are.

Event Schedule

15:50 Speakers connect to the Zoom event

16:00 Introduction

Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum

Moderator:

Sam Morgan, EU Affairs reporter

16:05 First Intervention

Speaker: **Monica Semedo**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group

16:10 Second Intervention

Speaker: **Delphine Rudelli**, Director General, CEEMET - European Tech & Industry Employers

16:15 Third Intervention

Speaker: **Esther Lynch**, Deputy Secretary General, ETUC - European Trade Union Confederation

16:20 Moderated discussion

16:45 End of the event

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