

Invitation

The Budapest Office of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Advisory Service for Advocacy, ÉTOSZ, would like to cordially invite you to the National Conference of the Hungarian Works Councils.

Date: October 25, 2022; 10:00-16:00

Venue: House of the VDSZ Trade Union, Budapest VI. Benczúr u. 45.

Main topic of the event:

External and internal causes of the inflation in Hungary. Dealing with the consequences of inflation in the protection of interests of workers.

Further topic: The European Minimum Wage Directive and the augmentation of the proportion of employees covered by collective agreements

English-Hungarian simultaneous interpretation will be provided from 10:00-13:40.

[Registration](#)

Programme

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| 9.30-10.00 | Registration |
| 10.00-10.10 | Opening of the conference by Tamás Székely, Trade Union of Chemical Workers, VDSZ President, Hungarian Trade Union Confederation, MASZSZ, Vice-President |
| 10.10-10.20 | Welcome speech by Jörg Bergstermann, Director of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Office in Hungary |
| 10.20-11.00 | Market competition and Inflation
Speaker: Zombor Berezvai, Head of Economics and Market Research, Hungarian Competition Authority |
| 11.00-11.40 | Relation between the food market and food prices
Speaker: Dr. Gyöngyi Jankuné Kürthy, Deputy Head of the Directorate of Agricultural Economics of the Institute of Agricultural Economics |
| 11.30-12.00 | Coffee break |
| 12.00-13.10 | The phenomenon and consequences of the price-wage spiral. What do international and national economic statistics show?
Speakers: Zoltán Pogátsa, lecturer at the University of Western Hungary and Gábor Oblath, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Economics |
| 13.10-13.40 | Presentation of the existential calculator developed in the project “Wage negotiation databank and its use”
Speaker: Dr. György Lajtai, expert of ÉTOSZ and Dóra Dávid IT specialist |
| 13:40-14:15 | Lunch break |

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14.15-15.40 Sections

- 1) Section, Moderator: Mirjam Dura ÉTOSZ Director
Topic: The four-day week as a possible alternative
Lessons from Hungarian Telekom's four-day pilot project
Keynote speech: Gyula Bereznai, Magyar Telekom AG, Central Works Council, President

- 2) Section, Moderator: Dr. György Lajtai ÉTOSZ
Topic: Issue: Regulation of the minimum wage for decent life in Europe
Keynote speech: Balázs Krémer, sociologist

- 3) Section, Moderator: Sándor Kisgyörgy ÉTOSZ
Topic: The role of the European Minimum Wage Directive and sectoral collective agreements in raising sectoral minimum and average wages
The opportunities of sectoral collective agreements in Hungary
Keynote speech: Tamás Székely, President, VDSZ

15.40-16.00 Plenary session: Summary of the section meetings

16:00 End of the conference

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