

THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2022 From 18.00 to 21.00

WORK WITHOUT BORDERS - WHAT WILL OUR FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

Venue: E-Werk

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18:00 Opening

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Moderation: Martina Straten, Radio Salü

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Welcome address by *Christian Petry*, SPD-MP, General Secretary SPD Saar Welcome address by *Jens Geier*, Head of the SPD-Delegation in the European Parliament, MEP Strengthening Social Europe by *Iratxe García Pérez*, leader of the S&D Group in the European Parliament, MEP

Europe's future lies in the border regions by *Katarina Barley*, vice-president of the European Parliament, SPD MEP

18:30 SaarlandLove in the heart of Europe

Keynote speech by **Anke Rehlinger**, Minister for Economic Affairs, Labour, Energy & Transport, Saarland

- **18:50** Europe must deliver for cross border workers Keynote speech by *Nicolas Schmit*, EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
- 19:10 Why the Conference on the future of Europe matters for workers Introduction to the #Progressive4Europe Platform by *Gabriele Bischoff*, S&D vice-president, SPD, MEP

19:15 World Café

With thematic tables:

- 1. Strengthening social Europe perspectives from border regions
- 2. Boosting the economy opportunities and challenges in border regions
- 3. Learning the lessons from the pandemic experiences from mobile workers
- 4. Living and learning across borders opportunities for young people
- 5. Fostering border regions as political and cultural spaces Living labs

20:15 Presentation of the World Café outcome

20:30 Fulfilling Europe's promise Conclusions by *Gabriele Bischoff*, S&D vice-president, SPD, MEP