

Moderation: Martina Straten, Radio Salü

18:00 Opening

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 Moderated by: Marc Angel, MEP, Luxembourg
- 2. Boosting the economy opportunities and challenges in border regions Moderated by: Eugen Roth MP, vice-chair DGB Rheinland-Pfalz/Saarland
- 3. Learning the lessons from the pandemic experiences from mobile workers

 Moderated by: Bettina Altesleben, vice district chair DGB Rheinland-Pfalz / Saarland managing director

 DGB Region Saar
- 4. Living and learning across borders opportunities for young people Moderated by: Lisa Kersch, co-leader of the Young Socialists Luxembourg - Kira Braun, Chair of the Young Social Democrats SPD Saarland
- 5. Fostering border regions as political and cultural spaces Living labs *Moderated by: Timo Stockhorst*, chair Jef (Young European Federalists) Saarland

20:15 Presentation of the World Café outcome

20:30 Fulfilling Europe's promise

Conclusions by **Gabriele Bischoff**, S&D vice-president, SPD, MEP