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**DEFEN-CE: Social Dialogue in Defence**

**of Vulnerable Groups in Post-COVID-19**

**Labour Markets**

**Conference in a hybrid format**

Date: Thursday, the 5th of October 2023

Time: 10:00-15:15 hrs (CET)

Location: Maison des Associations Internationales (M.A.I)

Rue de Washington, 40, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

and online via zoom

Please register [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2Gm_MnEoeyjcQcVIfpuAS94qGVEBt3FyU3tZ1eLlIHhWDyg/viewform). For registered participants with online presence, a hyperlink to the webinar will be sent 1 day before the conference

**Agenda**

09:30 – 10:00   **Registration**

10:00 – 10:10    **Opening**

Minna van Gerven (University of Helsinki), project coordinator

The DEFEN-CE project at a glance (video screening)

10:10 – 10:30    **Keynote address**

Ragnar Horn, DG Employment, European Commission

10:30 – 11:30 **Covid-19 measures to protect vulnerable groups at the labour market in**

**the EU: national and EU-level perspectives**

Chair: Monika Martišková (Central European Labour Studies Institute)

Speakers:

Chaitawat Boonjubun (University of Helsinki)

Barbora Holubová (Central European Labour Studies Institute)

Commentary by Mark Bergfeld, UNI Europa

Q&A

11:30 – 13:00   **Lunch**

13:00 – 13:45   **Social dialogue in protection of vulnerable groups: lessons learned from**

**the Covid-19 crisis across Europe**

Chair: Rense Nieuwenhuis (SOFI, Stockholm University)

Speaker: Marta Kahancová (Central European Labour Studies Institute)

Q&A

13:45 – 15:00   **Panel discussion: the role of social partners in social dialogue during**

**and the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis**

Chair: Anil Duman (Central European University)

Panelists:

Giuseppe Guerini, CECOP-CICOPA Europe, Italy

Daiva Kvedaraite, Solidarumas, Lithuania

Lucie Trlifajova, Centre for Social Issues (SPOT), Czech Republic

Thomas Hector, European Federation for Family Employment and Home Care (EFFE)

Q&A

15:00 – 15:15 **Final remarks**

Minna van Gerven (University of Helsinki)

Marta Kahancová (Central European Labour Studies Institute)