

THE FUTURE OF WORK IN THE EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY



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BACKGROUND

The automotive industry is a very relevant economic sector, employing (directly) 10 million people around the world. It provides direct and indirect jobs to 14.6 million citizens of the European Union. Today, this sector is facing important challenges. Because of a pandemic crisis that no one expected, but also because of growth limits for the traditional business model within the EU and increasingly rapid structural transformations relating to the digital and green transitions.

What trends on the demand side were already challenging the car industry before the current crisis? How should decision makers combine short-term responses to the Covid-19 impacts with smart long-term strategies? How will changing global supply chains affect car production and the location of jobs in the near future? What kind of skills and social policies are required for the automotive sector to remain resilient in the context of a just transition to a greener and digital economy?

An ILO study is currently underway focusing on the impact of future of work trends on the Portuguese automotive sector, namely on working conditions and employment. Moreover, the ILO and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission have started working together to build a knowledge base on aspects of the Future of Work, relevant for the EU and non-EU countries, which focuses on labour market transitions in the automotive and textile sectors.

Given this background, and in the context of the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union Council, the Permanent Mission of Portugal in Geneva and the ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia invite you to participate in the Event The future of work in the European automotive industry.

Based on the sharing of initial findings of the study on the Portuguese automotive sector, the aim of this event is to discuss common challenges faced by the automotive industry in EU and non-EU countries, and to contribute, from a European perspective, to further knowledge on the transformations affecting this industry, with a strong emphasis on employment and skills, supporting evidence-based policies capable of fostering sustainable and just transitions. To this end, this event will count on the active participation of decision makers, experts and scholars.

10:00 - 10:15

Welcome addresses

- 10:00-10:05 **Introduction**
Mr. Rui Macieira, Permanent Representative of Portugal in Geneva
- 10:05-10:10
Mr. Antonio Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal
- 10:10-10:15
Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General of the ILO

10:15 - 10:35

The future of the automotive sector and the EU strategic response to the Covid-19 crisis

- 10:15-10:35 José António Vieira da Silva, special advisor to EU Commissioner Nicolas Schmit

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The future of work in the Portuguese Automotive sector. Initial findings from ILO's ongoing research work

Chair

Ms. Ana Olim, Director General for Employment and Labour Relations, Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Solidarity of Portugal

- 10:35-10:55
Technical presentation: Mr. Maurizio Bussi, ILO Deputy Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia
- 10:55-11:10 **Discussant**
Ms. Joana Mendonça, President of the National Innovation Agency.
- 11:10 - 11:30 **Q&A**

11:30 - 12:00

Concluding remarks

Chair

Mr. Heinz Koller, ILO Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia

Speakers

- 11:30-11:40 Ms. Ana Mendes Godinho, Minister for Labour, Solidarity and Social Security
- 11:40-11:50 Mr. José Couto, Representative from the IOE
- 11:50-12:00 Mr. Christian Brunkhorst, Representative from the ITUC