



**SUMMER  
DAYS**

# FROM THE PILLAR TO A QUALITY JOBS ACT

**25 June 2026**  
**Brussels, Belgium**

**Venue**  
Le Bouche à Oreille  
Rue Félix Hap 11, 1040 Brussels

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Nearly a decade after the proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights in 2017, the European Union is increasingly focused on translating its principles into concrete policy outcomes. The Pillar sets out a shared vision for Europe's labour markets, including secure employment, fair wages, safe and healthy working environments, work–life balance and strong social dialogue—elements that together define what is commonly understood as quality jobs.

By the end of 2026, the European Commission is expected to present the Quality Jobs Act—the legislative follow-through to the New Quality Jobs Roadmap published in December 2025. The Act is expected to address key challenges shaping the world of work, including algorithmic management and artificial intelligence in the workplace, occupational health and safety, subcontracting, just transitions, and a strong role for social partners in shaping the world of work. It may also connect with ongoing debates on a right to disconnect and fair telework, while reaffirming the importance of social dialogue and strong industrial relations in advancing decent work.

As labour markets evolve—driven by digitalisation, the green and digital transitions, labour and skills mismatches and shortages, and new forms of work—the question is how these commitments can be reflected in practice. In this context, the anticipated Quality Jobs Act offer an opportunity to strengthen employment standards while addressing concerns about economic security, social protection and European competitiveness.

As part of CESI's EU co-funded "PillAct" project, the 2026 edition of CESI's Summer Days will bring together policymakers, public authorities representatives, social partners and the scientific community to discuss how the New Quality Jobs Roadmap—and the anticipated Quality Jobs Act—can contribute to strengthening Social Europe and improving job quality across the European Union.

The event will provide a timely opportunity to examine how the Quality Jobs Act can translate ambitions on job quality into practical measures, supported by effective social dialogue, enforcement and strong industrial relations.



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# PROGRAMME

Thursday, June 25 | 09.30-18.00

09.00-09.30	<b>Registration</b>
09.30-09.40	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Klaus Heeger, Secretary General of CESI</i>
09.40-10.10	<b>Keynote addresses</b> <b><i>From the European Pillar of Social Rights to a Quality Jobs Act</i></b> <i>Maria Luisa Cabral, Director - Quality Jobs, Working Conditions and Social Dialogue at the European Commission</i> <i>MEP Victor Negrescu, Vice-President of the European Parliament</i> <i>Lucie Studničná, President of the Workers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)</i> <i>William Cockburn, Executive Director EU-OSHA</i>
10.10-10.40	<b>Policy makers' panel</b> <b><i>Complementarity of decent work and economic competitiveness</i></b> <i>Maria Luisa Cabral, Director - Quality Jobs, Working Conditions and Social Dialogue at the European Commission</i> <i>MEP Victor Negrescu, Vice-President of the European Parliament</i> <i>Lucie Studničná, President of the Workers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)</i> <i>William Cockburn, Executive Director EU-OSHA</i> <i>Klaus Heeger, Secretary General of CESI</i>
10.40-11.00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11.00-12.10	<b>Workshops</b> <b><i>Elements of a new Quality Jobs Act</i></b>
	 <b>Workshop 1</b> <b>Physical and Psychosocial Risks at Workplaces – The relevance for Quality Jobs</b> <i>Bogdan Deleanu, European Agency for Safety and Health at work (EU-OSHA)</i>
	 <b>Workshop 2</b> <b>Algorithmic management and AI at Work in a new Quality Jobs Act</b> <i>Carmelo Cennamo, Reshaping Work Foundation</i>
12.10-13.30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
13.30-14.00	<b>Reports by workshop facilitators and discussion with the audience</b>

14.00-15.00	<p><b>Expert conversation</b> <b>The Draghi Report as a supporter of an EU Quality Jobs Act</b></p> <p><i>MEP Alicia Homs Ginel, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</i></p> <p><i>MEP Estelle Ceulemans, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</i></p> <p><i>MEP Maria Ohisalo, Member of the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs</i></p> <p><i>Arne Franke, Head of EU, International and Economic Affairs in the Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA)</i></p>
15.00-16.10	<p><b>Workshops</b> <b>The role of Industrial relations and public employment service</b></p> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div data-bbox="461 699 1004 817"> <p><b>Workshop 3</b> <b>Creating a New Social Contract for the Just Transition: Is Partnership Working?</b></p> <p><i>Robbie Stakelum, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions</i></p> </div> </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div data-bbox="461 836 993 932"> <p><b>Workshop 4</b> <b>Thriving industries, a basis for quality jobs in Europe</b></p> <p><i>Sara Rinaudo, Italian Workers' Autonomous Trade Unions Confederation (Fismic-Confsal)</i></p> </div> </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div data-bbox="461 954 965 1050"> <p><b>Workshop 5</b> <b>Prevention of unemployment for better job-to-job transitions</b></p> <p><i>Janice Schmidt Altmeyer, Representative from the team of the Chair of the EU PES Network</i></p> </div> </div>
16.10-16.30	COFFEE BREAK
16.30-17.00	<b>Reports by workshop facilitators and discussion with the audience</b>
17.00-17.50	<p><b>Trade unionists' panel</b> <b>Workers priorities for a Quality Jobs Act</b></p> <p><i>Antonello Pietrangeli, CESI Youth Representative</i></p> <p><i>Paloma Repila, President of CESI's Expert Commission on Health Services</i></p> <p><i>Synnöve Nüchter, President of CESI's Women's Rights and Gender Equality Commission</i></p>
17.50-18.00	<p><b>Towards 10 Years of the EPSR: Taking Stock and Shaping the Next Steps</b></p> <p><i>Francesco Corti, Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Roxana Minzatu on Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness</i></p> <p><i>Romain Wolff, President of CESI</i></p>
18.00	<b>RECEPTION, BBQ &amp; LIVE MUSIC</b>

# WORKSHOPS

ROUND 1 – Thursday, June 25 | 11.00-12.10

## Elements of a new Quality Jobs Act

### EU-OSHA

#### Physical and Psychosocial Risks at Workplaces – The relevance for Quality Jobs

*Bogdan Deleanu*

Learn how physical and psychosocial risks shape the reality of job quality across Europe and why occupational safety and health should be considered a fundamental dimension of quality work.

Drawing on evidence from workplaces and research, this interactive workshop will explore how factors such as workload, stress, musculoskeletal disorders, digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and changing forms of work can influence the broader debate on a new EU Quality Jobs Act.

### Reshaping Work

#### Algorithmic Management and AI at Work in a new Quality Jobs Act

*Carmelo Cennamo*

Algorithmic Management – broadly defined as the use of digital systems, including AI, to perform or support managerial functions such as monitoring, scheduling, task allocation, evaluation, pay setting, discipline, and access to work – is a new form of workplace governance. Originally emerged in the context of digital platforms and gig work, it is now becoming a general architecture of workplace coordination across sectors.

While algorithmic management helps organization become more productive and competitive, it also presents new challenges (and possible harms) to workers' rights and their job's quality. Should the newly proposed Quality Jobs Act extend comparable protections as those included in the Platform Work Directive to the broader workplace? How can EU policy preserve the productivity benefits of AI and algorithmic coordination while ensuring that workers retain autonomy, dignity, accountability, and meaningful voice at work?

This workshop will explore these tensions and examine ways to synthesize and reconcile them in a workable proposal for policy.

ROUND 2 – Thursday, June 25 | 15.00-16.10

## The role of Industrial relations and public employment service

Eurofound	Fismic-Confisal	PES Network
<b>Creating a New Social Contract for the Just Transition: Is Partnership Working?</b>	<b>Thriving industries, a basis for quality jobs in Europe</b>	<b>Prevention of unemployment for better job-to-job transitions</b>
<i>Robbie Stakelum</i>	<i>Sara Rinaudo</i>	<i>Janice Schmidt Altmeyer</i>
<p>Partnerships are essential to ensure the green transitions is not only environmentally sounds, but economically viable and socially just. What is the role of social partners, national and regional authorities, and civil society when it comes to developing and delivering partnerships to underpin the green transition and phase out fossil fuels. Amid growing geopolitical insecurity, securing clean European energy is becoming a major policy goal for Europe's independence.</p> <p>This session will explore key findings from Eurofound's work examining how actors involved in the just transitions perceive their involvement and partnership, examining what works, areas for improvement and policy pointers for the future, not least in view of the upcoming Quality Jobs Act.</p>	<p>Europe cannot build quality jobs in the midst of industrial decline. But competitiveness cannot be built by lowering labour standards either.</p> <p>Quality jobs need productive, innovative and resilient industries; thriving industries need skilled, protected and motivated workers. This is fully consistent with the Quality Jobs Roadmap, which aims at linking job quality to competitiveness, fair transitions, social dialogue and effective access to social and labour rights.</p>	<p>As labour markets become more dynamic, Public Employment Services (PES) are increasingly expected to intervene before unemployment occurs. Building on the 2025 PES Network Thematic Paper on the evolving role of PES in early Job-to-job transitions, it is important to explore how PES can support workers and employers during periods of change such as restructuring, skills mismatches, or sectoral transitions. Practical approaches for identifying risks early, strengthening partnerships with employers and providing timely support that facilitates smooth transitions between jobs while preventing unemployment it is therefore very critical.</p> <p>This Workshop will give you insights from the PES Network job-to job transition projects and a deep dive into the German Labour Market hub and how the PES cooperates with big companies.</p>