

Call for papers

'Enforcing EU labour law and beyond'

25th anniversary conference of the TTUR Network

ETUI and online
27 – 28 September 2022



This year, the Transnational Trade Union Rights (TTUR) Expert Network celebrates its 25th anniversary. Twenty-five years ago, the then new members of the TTUR Network met for the very first time under the lead of the late Brian Bercusson. Ever since, the TTUR Network has consistently worked to strengthen and empower the trade union movement with research-based knowledge on comparative and European labour law. The work of the network has particularly focused on European labour law, with an emphasis on fundamental social rights and collective labour rights, best illustrated by the TTUR publications, the most recent of which is the forthcoming book *Effective Enforcement of EU Labour Law* (Bloomsbury Hart, July 2022).

To celebrate both its 25th anniversary and this new publication, the TTUR Network, together with the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), are welcoming submissions of papers under the theme '**Enforcing EU labour law and beyond**' for the TTUR Network's 25th Anniversary Conference which will be held in the International Trade Union House (ITUH) in Brussels and also online on **Tuesday 27 September and Wednesday 28 September 2022**.

Enforcement is the key element that renders rights effective and ensures compliance. It can make or break a legal system. Despite this, enforcement of EU labour law has received little scholarly attention in recent decades and has rarely been examined in a comprehensive way.

What kinds of enforcement gaps exist in the different areas of EU labour law? What are the criteria for assessing the effectiveness of labour law enforcement? And how can we ensure that this enforcement is effective? These will be among the questions explored and addressed at the TTUR-ETUI conference.

The conference will shed light on how to improve the practical realisation and enforcement of social and labour rights in the EU setting and will also aim to draw lessons from fields beyond the confines of EU labour and social law. We invite papers that focus on the following four themes, broadly conceived:

- The role of actors (international, institutional, collective, individual) in the enforcement of labour law;
- Enforcement within different sub-areas of labour law (e.g. rights of migrant workers and refugees, equality, occupational health and safety);
- Enforcement beyond labour law: i.e. sectoral (e.g. consumer, procurement) and horizontal (e.g. EU-wide, national) responses to enforcement challenges;
- Conceptualising and developing an (effective) enforcement regulatory framework for labour law.



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We encourage papers that engage with any of these themes from a legal, empirical, socio-legal or multi-disciplinary perspective (e.g. industrial relations and sociology of work). We also particularly welcome papers from early career researchers.

Submission and deadline

The abstracts for papers should be submitted in English. The conference will be held in English (with a possibility to follow event online also in German, French, and Polish). Those interested should send the following information to avanhoutte@etui.org:

- Proposed title for the paper
- The theme of the paper (out of the four conference themes set out above)
- An abstract of no more than 500 words (in English)
- The name of the author, affiliation, and a very short biography (2-3 sentences)
- Contact details

Deadline for submitting abstracts is **30 June 2022** and the decisions on acceptance will be made by **8 July 2022**. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for all accepted speakers. Selected speakers will be invited to participate in a joint publication following the conference.

Confirmed speakers:

Antoine Jacobs
Aristea Koukiadaki
Aude Cefaliello
Aukje van Hoek
Barbara Kresal
Catherine Barnard
Csilla Kollonay-Lehoczky
Elliot Cobbaut
Filip Dorssemont
Klaus Lörcher
Joanna Unterschütz
Manfred Weiss
Marco Rocca
Mélanie Schmitt
Mijke Houwerzijl
Nicola Countouris
Olivier De Schutter
Pieter Pecinovsky
Silvia Rainone
Simon Deakin
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