

Online-Event – 13 October 2022, 4–6 pm (CET)

Online Platforms, Platform Work and Platform Workers in Portugal, Romania, Spain and Germany



What can we learn from each other?



INVITATION

The platform economy has been expanding in Spain, Portugal, Romania and Germany in the last decade. However, only in Spain and Portugal new legislations have been adopted by the national governments. In **Spain**, the 'Rider Law' from 2021 stipulates that delivery workers must be considered as employees and are therefore entitled to basic rights. In **Portugal**, the so-called 'Uber Law' introduces a presumption of employment by defining an electronic platform and governing the employment status of individual platform workers. Furthermore, online platforms and platform workers are obliged to subscribe to a central register in order to provide their services.

Unlike in Spain and Portugal, online platforms are not facing such specific regulations in Germany and Romania. In the **Romanian** public sphere, the platform economy has been discussed as a new and positive phenomenon that fosters flexibility and autonomy compared to standard employment. As a result, the importance of social protection, collective bargaining or working conditions of platform workers have been largely neglected.

In **Germany**, despite multiple grassroots initiatives addressing the rights of platform workers, the public debates have been focusing more on data protection at the workplace. Various parties and trade unions have been calling for an employee data-protection law in addition to the requirements laid down in the GDPR.

This FES event by **FES Future of Work**, **FES Spain & Portugal** and **FES Romania** aims to address the issue of platform work, online platforms and platform workers in Spain, Portugal, Romania and Germany.

The event will be translated simultaneously into German, English, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish.

AGENDA

Moderator: **Jean-Paul Judson**, founder of NOWMORE

16:00 WELCOME

Oliver Philipp, FES Future of Work

16:05 PART I: WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF PLATFORM WORK? WHAT IS THE STATUS QUO? DISCUSSION WITH COUNTRY EXPERTS

- › Spain: **Rubén Ranz**, UGT Spain
- › Portugal: **Nuno Boavida**, NOVA University Lisbon
- › Romania: **Delia Badoi**, Romanian Academy of Science
- › Germany: **Tatiana López Ayala**, WZB Berlin/ Fairwork

16:50 BREAK

17:10 PART II: WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES AND HOW TO ADDRESS THEM? AND WHAT IS THE ROLE OF TRADE UNIONS IN PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PLATFORM WORKERS? DISCUSSION WITH POLITICIANS AND TRADE UNIONS

- › Spain: **Jose Domingo Roselló**, Cabinet of the President of the Government of Spain
- › Portugal: **Marcel Borges**, Riders in Fight
- › Romania: **Petru Sorin Dandea**, National Trade Union Confederation Cartel Alfa
- › Germany: *tba*

17:55 CONCLUDING REMARKS

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