



The pandemic contributed to reinforce the precarious working conditions under which many platform workers were already operating, bringing to the fore the conditions of great vulnerability endured by many categories of platform workers. EU policymakers are trying to identify ways to regulate the sector in a way that is beneficial to both the people and the economy, as to secure the highest chances of benefitting from the economic potentials that platforms can represent in the ecological and digital transitions while also fostering the social application of the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and of its Action Plan, as well as existing tools such as the EU Directive on transparent and predictable working conditions or the Council Recommendation on access to social protection for workers and self-employed.

In this context SOLIDAR and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven are happy to contribute to the debate with a publication on unpaid labour in the platform economy covering food delivery, care and online freelancing platforms in Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Italy and Poland, co-authored by Valeria Pulignano and Claudia Marà (KU Leuven). The study will be presented in our online Roundtable Discussion titled “Unpaid Labour in the Platform Economy”. On this occasion, experts in the field of platform work will intervene to exchange on the subject.

Unpaid Labour in the Platform Economy

Roundtable discussion

9 December 2021

10:00 – 12:00

Practical details:

Date: 9 December, 10:00 – 12:00

Format: Online (Zoom): [registration link](#)

Language: English

Programme:

10:00-10:05	Welcome and introduction Mikael Leyi , Secretary General, SOLIDAR
10:05-10:15	Keynote speech Agnes Jongerius , S&D MEP and spokesperson on employment and social affairs
10:15-10:40	Presentation of the research results and policy recommendations Valeria Pulignano , Professor in Sociology of Labour and Industrial Relations, KU Leuven Claudia Marà , PhD student in the framework of the ERC-funded ResPecTMe, KU Leuven
10:40-10:50	Q&A
10:50-11:40	Panel discussion – Challenges and proposals to improve working conditions of platform workers Carlos Manuel Trindade , Member of EESC Workers Group Anna Banczyk , Deputy Head of Unit - Future of Work, Youth Employment, DG EMPL Fausto Durante , Trade Unionist, CGIL Stefan Kirchner , Head of department: Digitization of the world of work, Technische Universität Berlin.
11:40-11:50	Q&A
11:50-12:00	Conclusions Mikael Leyi , Secretary General, SOLIDAR