



*Roundtable*

## **Supporting Labour Standards through Targeted Sanctions in Trade**

*Thursday, 18 October 2018, 11h00-12h30*

*Venue: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Rue du Taciturne 38, Brussels*

Trade and Sustainable Development Chapters in EU Free Trade Agreements are frequently criticised for not protecting labour standards. Despite the EU Commission's 15-point plan to make them more effective, they still lack teeth. But what kind of enforcement tools could enhance compliance with labour standards?

Clara Portela argues that applying targeted sanctions can deter violations of labour standards and improve compliance. The author will present an enforcement mechanism that is flexible enough to target only those individuals, companies or sectors that are responsible for the breaches.

### **Programme**

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| 10h45 | <i>Registration</i>  |
| 11h00 | Welcome and introduction by<br><b>Daniela Iller</b> , Policy Officer, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU Office   |
| 11h10 | Presentation by<br><b>Clara Portela</b> (PhD EUI, Florence), University of Valencia<br><br>Comment by<br><b>Joachim Schuster</b> , MEP, Committee on International Trade |
| 11h30 | Q&A/discussion, chaired by<br><b>Daniela Iller</b> , Policy Officer, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU Office  |

*After the roundtable we would like to invite you to a light lunch.*