



Dear colleague,

The German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) and the EU-Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung would like jointly to invite you to the presentation/discussion of the study:

"Towards a European Labour Authority"

Tuesday 27 February 2018, 13h00 – 15h00

Venue: Representation of the State of Hessen to the European Union
21, Rue Montoyer
1000 Brussels

European Commission president Juncker announced in his 2017 State of the Union Address plans for a European Labour Authority, tasked with ensuring that EU rules on labour mobility are enforced fairly, simply and effectively. Juncker grounded the establishment of such an authority inter alia on the growing mobility of workers in the EU and large-scale transnational commuting. The creation of a European Labour Authority should strengthen cooperation between labour market authorities at all levels and lead to the better management of cross-border situations. The Commission should come up with a concrete proposal by March 2018.

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung has commissioned a first [study on the scope of such a European Labour Authority](#). Author **Jan Cremers**, senior researcher at University of Tilburg, makes a thorough analysis of the shortcomings of national labour inspections in abusive cross-border employment situations, offers insight in existing provisions e.g. at ILO level as well as in other policy areas and makes proposals for a possible mandate and tasks of a future ELA.

Against this background we would like to discuss with **Piet Van Nuffel**, member of Commissioner Thyssen's cabinet, our author **Jan Cremers**, **Liina Carr**, Confederal Secretary at ETUC and **Maxime Cerutti**, Director for Social Affairs at Business Europe, on the outline of a future European Labour Authority.

We count on your participation for a lively and rich debate.

You are kindly invited to register online via:

<http://www.fes-europe.eu/news-list/e/towards-a-european-labour-authority/>



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13:00	Registration and sandwich lunch
13:30	<p>Opening and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephan Krüger, Representation of the State Hessen to the EU, Head of Unit FES/DGB
13:40	<p>Panel dialogue:</p> <p><i>Why do we need a European Labour Authority? How could a ELA best match this need? Examples and cases, ideas on tasks and mandate.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piet Van Nuffel, European Commission, Member of Cabinet, Commissioner Marianne Thyssen Jan Cremers, senior researcher Tilburg University <p>Facilitator: Eric Bonse, freelance journalist and editor "Lost in Europe"</p>
14:20	<p>Open debate with the social partner representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liina Carr, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation N.N., Business Europe <p>and Q&A with the audience</p> <p>Facilitator: Eric Bonse, freelance journalist and editor "Lost in Europe"</p>
15:00	End