AGENDA: Roundtable 1 (September 9, 2020)

Multi-stakeholder Dialogue

Theme: Future of Work

Work stream 1: Access to good quality of work & Social protection,

- **Welcome & Introduction (5 min)**
  - Project updates
  - Introduction to Member Library
- **Workstream 1 – Overview (5 min)**
  - Introduction by workstream chairs
  - Rules of engagement
  - Overview of roundtable series
- **Topic 1: Mitigating health and safety risks (40 min)**
  Subthemes:
  - Risk evaluation & transparency (providing workers with information of their rights & obligations)
  - What constitutes a safe and healthy working environment?
  - What should be responsibilities of businesses and workers when it comes to health and safety?
  - Responsibilities on a European vs. national level

_____*5 min break*_____

- **Topic 2: Fair working conditions (40 min)**
  Subthemes:
  - Regulating working conditions
  - Security & predictability
  - Working time in the diverse forms of employment
  - What constitutes fair wages?
  - Guaranteeing decent pay for workers in the diverse forms of employment (minimum wage requirement?)
  - Facilitation of occupational mobility
  - Ensuring reasonable flexibility is maintained
  - Responsibilities on a European vs. national level

Introduction of co-chairs

Thomas Blondeel

As an employee and former board member of SmartCoop and current board member of '*Coopkracht*' (umbrella organization of coops in Flanders, Belgium) Thomas Blondeel is embedded in cooperative entrepreneurship. Before he was working in sales, government administration and as a freelance musician, and he graduated as an accountant and social worker.

Since 2009, Thomas can contribute through his work with Smart to the installation of an innovative model of a mutual enterprise for freelancers in Belgium and the Netherlands, focusing on new form of entrepreneurship based on solidarity and risk management. However, his most precious cooperation is, of course, the raising of his kids together with his wife.

Alessio Bertolini

Alessio Bertolini is a Postdoctoral Researcher for the *Fairwork* project at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford. As part of the project, Alessio investigates the working conditions at digital platforms in the UK and Germany, and he is involved with scoring and ranking them.

Before joining the Fairwork Project, Alessio was part of the *Work on Demand: Contracting for Work in a Changing Economy* project at the University of Glasgow. Within this broader project, Alessio had been investigating ideas and strategies used by different stakeholders and policy actors in the regulation of the platform economy in a comparative perspective.

Alessio completed his PhD in Social Policy at the University of Edinburgh on the topic of comparative labour market regulations for non-standard workers in Italy and the UK. With a background in economics and policy studies, his area of expertise involves employment and welfare rights for non-standard workers from a comparative European perspective. Both before and during his PhD, he was involved in several national and international research projects on the topic of labour market and welfare policies. Alessio has recently published a book titled *Temporary Agency Workers in Italy and the UK: The Comparative Experience of Labour Market Disadvantage.*