



What: There is a significant emergence of new forms of employment characterised by unconventional work patterns and places of work, or by irregular provision of work, and by a wide range of contractual arrangements. The Symposium will promote mutual understanding, exchange evidence, experiences and practices about new forms of employment and their implications for the way we live, learn, work or do business

When: 4 July 2018 (Wednesday) from 9:30 to 17:00

Where: The Renaissance Brussels Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, Brussels

Who: About 60 participants from the Japanese administration, EU institutions, agencies and bodies, social partners, EU Member States' representatives, international organisations, experts-academics and civil society organisations

Languages: English and Japanese

Why: Our working lives are being transformed by the combined effect of technological progress, globalisation and demographic change. Entire sectors of the economy are being reshaped by digitalisation, automation, and artificial intelligence. New forms of employment relationships have risen through the collaborative economy and online platforms. Patterns of work and careers are becoming more varied. This reflects a trend towards more diverse labour markets. For some, these changes represent opportunities and more flexible forms of working. For others, these are a source of insecurity and increased risks between similar work situations. How we respond to and drive these transformations today will determine what the future world of work will look like

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Draft Programme¹ **Wednesday 4 July 2018, Brussels**

09:30-10:00 Welcome coffee and registration

10:00-10:20 **Opening remarks from the EU and Japan**

10:20-13:00 **Working session I: Trends and drivers behind new forms of employment**

Presentation by EU expert: Ms I. Mandl, Eurofound

Presentation by Japanese expert: Prof. Y. Hashimoto

Reactions by the Japanese government and European Commission

Reactions by the EU and Japanese social partners

Discussion with the participants

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:45 **Working session II: Impact on working conditions and the labour market and possible solutions**

Presentation by Japanese expert: Prof. S. Ouchi

Presentations by EU experts: Ms I. Mandl, Eurofound and Prof. E. Verhulp, University of Amsterdam

Reactions by the European Commission and Japanese government

Reactions by the Japanese and EU social partners

Discussion with the participants

16:45-17:00 **Closing** by DG EMPL and Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

17:15-18:30 Reception hosted by DG EMPL

¹ Timing in this draft agenda may be subject to change