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# SPEAKERS PRESENTATION (bio)

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**Seminar (09 Dec 2020) and Workshop (16 Dec 2020)**

**Ms Aleksandra Kaydzhyska** has worked on social protection policy at EU level since 2017, when she took the position of Economic & Financial Affairs Advisor in the European Association of Paritarian Funds. The organization represents 30 European paritarian social protection providers (occupational pension funds, paritarian insurers and others) to the EU institutions. At this point, after 4 years in the organization, Alexandra holds the position of an Executive Director in AEIP's Brussels office, following all developments with relevance to the European social protection, social, etc. Alexandra has completed her bachelor and master's degrees in the Netherlands, holding a MSc Degree from the United Nations University Institute – MERIT on Public Policy and Development, specializing in Public Economics and Risk Assessment. Her previous working experience includes positions in the European Institute of Public Administration and the CEE Bankwatch Network.

**Mr Werner Buelen** is hold position a political secretary for the construction industry at the European Federation of Building and WoodWorkers (EFBWW). In this position he coordinates all European trade union activities for the construction industry. His actions are mainly focused on EU migration matters, tackling cross-border fraud and abuse, collective bargaining at EU and national level, trade union capacity building and Vocational and Educational training. Within the EFBWW he is also the project leader of numerous EU projects. Werner has a degree in law and previously worked for a national trade union and a paritarian institution.

**Mr Johan R. Steen** is researcher at Fafo Institute for Labour and Social Research and has for several years been engaged in issues related to the impact of digitalization and technological change on labour relations. His research includes studies on trade union organizing, innovation, labour relations and digitalization, including the three-year project [The future of work: Opportunities and challenges for the Nordic models](#), commissioned by the Nordic Council of Ministers, for which he has co-authored the reports [The Nordic future of work: Drivers, institutions, and politics](#) and [Digital Transformations of Traditional Work in the Nordic Countries](#). Steen is currently doing a PhD on the digitalization of working life at the University of Gothenburg.

**Mr Jukka Ahtela** is the Chairman of the Board of Ahtela Consulting Oy ([www.ahtela.eu](http://www.ahtela.eu)) since 2014. As a consultant and expert for ministries, professional organisations and think-tanks he has produced a number of studies and research reports on a variety of topics such as working time, labour law, collective bargaining and social security systems. Jukka Ahtela is also acting as the Deputy National Conciliator for Labour Disputes. He is the Chairman of the Board of Finnish Centre for Pensions (ETK) and Chairman of the Labour Council. Jukka Ahtela worked at the Confederation of Finnish Industries EK and its predecessors in 1979-2013, lastly as Deputy Director General. In 1993-2005 he worked in the TT/PT Brussels Office, in 1997-2005 as the Head of the Office. He was a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) 2015-2020 ([www.eesc.europa.eu](http://www.eesc.europa.eu)).

**Mr Ludmil Kovachev** is the Executive Director of ITPIO. His main experience in the EU funding programmes' administration and implementation is connected to the previous experience as a director of the Lifelong Learning Programme National Agency in Bulgaria for 6 years. Main activities related to that position were: management of European public funds, development and implementation of budget policy; control on budget funds expenditure; HR management; implementation of EC management rules, EU funds internal control and audit; management of centralized EU projects, carried out by European member countries partnership networks; establishing and maintaining contacts with national and international public, private and non-government institutions and organizations, with the social partners, management of many LLP projects with international partners, general monitoring of the quality of project



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activities and results. He is also experienced in consulting national and local authorities in elaboration and implementation of educational, labour and youth policies. Expertise in leading research teams performing researches on social dialogue, labour market and training needs topics. Lead author of the Erasmus+ Programme Impact assessment in Bulgaria.

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