

INVITATION

5 February 2020, Brussels

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WORKERS'-VOICE-BREAKFAST



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Dear Madam / Sir.

The Hans Böckler Foundation is delighted to invite you to its fifth **Workers'-Voice-Breakfast** under the topic

Diversity in boards a precondition of sustainable governance and its importance for the 'Green Deal'

Gender equality is an important goal of the European Union and represents one of its core values. Although the EU has been working on realizing gender equality in practice, much is left to do, especially when it comes to representation of women in companies and politics. Only 16% of company decision-makers on executive level are women. Overall, women compromise 33% of board members in STOXX Europe 600 companies. However, the level of representation of women varies between countries. What is more, a variation is visible between executive and non-executives.

Sustainable corporate governance entails diversity in executive and supervisory boards, including appropriate representation of women. Studies have shown that companies striving for more equality in the top management perform economically better. What is more, there are indications for positive effects on the overall economy as well as society. We would like to discuss political options on national and European level to support women in boards and linkages to Workers' Voice in the context of sustainable governance.

We are convinced that gender equality can be reached only if workers are involved and transformation of the economy is shaped in common.

Please join us for this debate. We are looking forward meeting you.

Kind regards,

Dr Norbert Kluge

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INFORMATION

Date 5 February 2020

8:30 to 10:00

Place Representation of the German State of North Rhine-

Westphalia to the EU, Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels.

Programme - Opening remarks by Dr Norbert Kluge (Hans Böckler Foundation)

- Short impulse presentation by:

- Evelyn Regner, Member of the European Parliament, S&D

- Marion Weckes, Head of Unit for listed companies and corporate

governance in the I.M.U. of the Hans Böckler Foundation

- Discussion moderated by **Henning vom Stein** (Otone European Affairs)

About Workers'-Voice-Breakfast: An initiative of the Hans Böckler

Foundation aimed at propagating best practice in corporate

governance by bringing together experienced workers' representatives

and experts in political institutions in Brussels.

Registration To register please reply to this e-mail, to Theresa Mattheß (theresa-

matthess@boeckler.de), by **27 January 2020** at the latest. As space is limited, seats will be allocated on a first come, first served

basis. Confirmation will be sent before the event.

Further information

Link: The Expert Group Workers' Voice