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EDITION 2 | Digital 1.5(°C) x Digital Reset

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As we face many crises, governments around the world are turning to digital technologies in the hope that they will provide the solution. Unfortunately, digital technologies will not solve our social and environmental crises.

The solution will be a profound sustainability shift that fundamentally reorganises the economy and all its sectors - agriculture, mobility, energy, buildings, industry and consumption.

For this second edition of the Digital 1.5(°C) event, David Cormand is partnering with the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), a coalition of 180 environmental organisations in Europe, and the European research network "Digitalisation for Sustainability" to present their report "Digital Reset".

Programme of the event

10:00 - 10:10 - Introduction

Introduction (10") by MEP David Cormand | Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA), co-president of the Europe Ecologie delegation, member of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee.

10:10 - 10:40 - Presentation of the Digital Reset report (30") by Dr. Steffen Lange, Senior Researcher at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Sustainable Development at the University of Münster and affiliated researcher at the Resource Economics Group of the Humboldt University Berlin, co-author of the Digital Reset report.

Digital Reset is, a report produced with the support of the Technical University of Berlin (TU Berlin)., It shows how digital technologies can support a sustainable and sober use of new technologies. The report provides a blueprint for the European Union to ensure that digital technologies contribute first and foremost to achieving carbon neutrality, resource autonomy and economic resilience, while supporting equity and fully respecting the rights and privacy of citizens.

10:40 - 11:40 - Roundtable 1

Digitalisation, accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, is transforming the EU's economy and its labour markets. Technological change and new ways of working are impacting working conditions, the content of work and the skills required. In addition, the green transition towards a carbon-neutral economy is high on the agenda at both European and Member State level. This transition will change labour market constellations, as well as work outside the labour market, such as care work. It also poses the question whether the labour market of the future will be faced with a non-growing economy. These two transitions will take place within a setting of existing challenges regarding work, such as demographic change, gender inequalities, migration and wage inequalities.

In this workshop, we will explore the effects of the digital and the sustainability transformation on the labour market, and discuss policies to tackle the multiple challenges. The discussion will be guided by the following questions:

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How will the simultaneous digital and sustainability transformations influence employment and work in the EU?

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Which policy measures can help to achieve a just transition, resulting in less, rather than more, inequality?

Speakers:

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Halliki Kreinin, PhD – Postdoctoral Researcher and Project Coordinator, EU 1.5° Lifestyles, University of Münster

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Frank Siebern-Thomas, Head of Fair, Green, and Digital Transitions, Research Unit, DG EMPL (TBC)

11:40 - 11:55 - Coffee break

12:00 - 12:55 - Roundtable 2: Digital Infrastructure: Challenging the Status Quo for a Green Digital Future (1h10)

In the second roundtable, we will discuss how our digital infrastructure choices shape our digital model, our strategic autonomy and our ability to achieve the digital transition. Panelists will comment on current EU policy directions, including the Chips Act, the Raw Materials Act and the Net Zero Industry Act.

Speakers:

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Ophélie Coelho, specialist in digital geopolitics

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Gauthier Roussile, researcher on the environmental impact of digital technology

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Sandrine Elmi Hersi, ARCEP/BEREC (TBC)

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