

Labour Law Reform in Ukraine

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Labour law and social policy are key factors for social and democratic cohesion. The protection of workers and their rights in the workplace, as well as the promotion of social dialogue, are also vital for social and economic resilience, as well as for a potential alignment with European Union law. Given Ukraine's demographic, political, and economic significance, the direction of its labour law and social dialogue reforms is of strategic importance not only for Ukraine itself, but also for the future coherence of the European social model.

In this presentation for social policy stakeholders, participants in the “*Just Transition. Towards Decent Work in Ukraine's (Post)War Economy*” academic project (funded by BMBF) will provide an overview of labour law reform in Ukraine.

You will discuss with:

Prof. Dr. habil. Yana Simutina, Senior Research Fellow at the Koretsky Institute of State and Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv. As national expert for the Council of Europe, she provided legal expertise and participated in working groups on finalizing the draft Labour Code of Ukraine and drafting new legislation on collective labour disputes and social dialogue. She will speak about the current debates and tensions surrounding labour law reform and social dialogue in Ukraine, analysing the structural weaknesses of the current social dialogue model, with particular attention on the impact of the war on labour relations.

Prof. Dr. Ivan Yatskevych, Associate Professor of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. As a national and international expert, he has participated in various international projects, including the project “Enhanced social protection in Ukraine” within the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine “Resiliency, Recovery and Reconstruction” for 2023-2026. He will compare collective labour relations under the martial law regime in Ukraine since 2022 with the experience of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina during the Yugoslav wars in the 1990s.



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