



## Roundtable Discussion

### Negotiating return to work in the age of demographic change through industrial relations in Belgium

Friday, 05 July 2019

10h30-12h30 (followed by a light lunch)

Venue:

**CEPS**

Place du Congrès, 1  
1000 Brussels, Belgium

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Working Party Room, 3rd floor

### Background

CEPS, in cooperation with 5 EU partners, is launching a research project funded by the European Commission, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, on return to work in the age of demographic change through industrial relations.

The project aims at studying the role that industrial relations at the EU-level, national-level and company-level play in extending the working lives of EU citizens through work retention and integration after exposure to chronic conditions, against a background of demographic and technological change.

Our end goal is to produce an EU-wide analysis (covering 27 member states) on the role of national and EU-level social partners in designing and implementing return to work policies and in-depth analyses for selected countries (Estonia, Ireland, Italy, Belgium, Romania and Slovakia).

This roundtable is designed to bring relevant stakeholders and experts together in a discussion about the return to work policies designed for people having suffered from long illnesses in Belgium. The substance of the conversation will be recorded for the purpose of the research. A report based on these inquiries and on the substance of the roundtable conversation will be prepared by CEPS and will serve as a basis of the EU Comparative Report that will be presented in Brussels in January 2021.

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### Programme

- 10:30** Welcome & Introduction  
**Manon Jacquot**, Project Officer CEPS
- 10:40** Presentation of research design and project objectives  
**Mehtap Akgüç**, Researcher CEPS
- 10:50** Open discussion with participants  
Moderated by **Miroslav Beblavý**, CEPS Jobs and Skills Head of Unit
- 12:30** Light networking lunch

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