

**GEPO (European workers' pastoral group) Colloquium
Manchester 14-17 November 2018**



**A social Europe, workers' movements and social dialogue:
a joint vision for the "European Pillar of Social Rights"**

**Subsidised by the European Commission with the collaboration and support of EZA
(European Centre for Workers' Questions)**



4 July 2018

Dear friend,

We have already sent you some initial details of GEPO's next Colloquium to be held in Manchester from Wednesday 14 to Saturday 17 November 2018 on building a social, more inclusive and more equitable Europe and continuing the social dialogue from the perspective of a common vision for the European social floor.

The European Commission has launched an initiative to promote establishing a European social rights floor aimed at building a more inclusive and more equitable European Union. Workers' movements can only congratulate the Commission for putting this issue at the heart of its concerns; but this also compels us to redouble our efforts to make our voices heard and be part of the dialogue emerging on these matters.

European workers pastoral group (GEPO)
Headquarters: 17, rue de l'Ecole, L -3385 Noertzange
Secretariat: Pontien Kabongo, Rue du Village 65
B -5310 Noville sur Mehaigne
E-mail: pontien.kabongo@minyaku.org or claudio.holper@cj23.lu

The colloquium is entitled, *A social Europe, workers' movements and social dialogue: a joint vision for the "European Pillar of Social Rights"* This question invites us to reflect on chapter II points 5 to 9 of the **Twenty key principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights** on the criteria to be used to ensure "Equitable working conditions".

Working on *equitable working conditions* is the responsibility of workers' organisations.

The programme is attached.

We remain faithful to our approach: sharing our practices, finding out about different situations, analysing our realities together and comparing them with our main ethical benchmarks like the Church's social teachings on the reality of equitable working conditions in our respective countries and movements and enhancing our ability to act in this field.

The Colloquium opens on Wednesday 14 November from 18.30 and closes on Saturday 17 at 12.30. Delegates can leave on Saturday evening or Sunday, depending on when their flights are.

We hope to see you in Manchester and continue working with you on broadening our perceptions, deepening our thoughts and so strengthening our actions.

We look forward to your registering by 1 September 2018.

Warmest greetings

For the GEPO Executive: Pontien Kabongo.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

- The Colloquium will be held at: CHANCELLORS CONFERENCES HOTEL MANCHESTER:
<http://www.chancellorshotel.co.uk>
- The Colloquium will cost: € 100 per person (Eastern and Southern Europe: € 50)
- It will be held in four languages: German, English, France and Portuguese.
- It's best to book early to save money on flights, as you will know. GEPO can help cover your travel costs up to € 250 on presentation of vouchers. If you have any problems with this, please contact Claude Holper (claud.holper@cj23.lu)
- Photocopying and Internet access facilities are available on site.
- You can call Claude Holper on +352 661 223 361 or Pontien Kabongo on +32 495 64 09 86

European workers pastoral group (GEPO)

Headquarters: 17, rue de l'Ecole, L -3385 Noertzange

Secretariat: Pontien Kabongo, Rue du Village 65

B -5310 Noville sur Mehaigne

E-mail:pontien.kabongo@minyaku.org or claud.holper@cj23.lu