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# The Covid-19 crisis in Central and Eastern Europe - Economic & employment perspectives

03 December 2020, 13.00 – 14.30 CET, TUAC – HBS-WSI On-line Seminar

COVID-19 puts our economies and labour markets under an extreme test. As many economies in Central and Eastern Europe are coping with the second pandemic wave, initial recovery plans and support to maintain jobs and income – despite their unprecedented level – might not be sufficient. The risk of a prolonged recession with multiple downturns and a full-fledged jobs crisis is very concrete.

**Two days after the release of the new OECD Economic Outlook**, the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC) in cooperation with the Hans-Böckler Foundation's (HBS) Institute of Economic and Social Research (WSI) invites to an online seminar focussing on a diverse group of neighbouring countries: **Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the Balkans.**

What is the forecast for the coming months and how should governments respond? How can they continue to support employment? What are trade unions' expectations and workers' needs? The online seminar will bring together OECD economists, experts and union representatives to discuss these challenges.

## SPEAKERS

**Toralf PUSCH**, Senior Researcher, Institute of Social and Economic Research (WSI) of the Hans Böckler Foundation

**Mame Fatou DIAGNE**, Head of Division, Country studies (including Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Switzerland), OECD Economic Department

**Andrew BARKER**, Senior Economist & Head of the Germany/ Latvia desk, OECD Economic Department

**Jan DRAHOKOUPIL**, Senior Researcher, European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)

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Followed by Q&A.

Moderated by **Pierre HABBARD**, General Secretary, TUAC

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