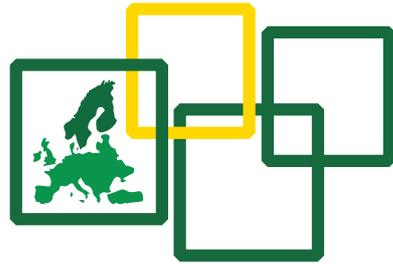


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SUSTAINABLE WORK FOR THE FUTURE - NEW RESEARCH CHALLENGES

At the end of October 2018, a concluding conference of the Vinnova financed platform on *Sustainable Work in EU Horizon 2020*, was organized at Ingvar Kamprad Design Centre, Lund University. The purpose of the conference was twofold. Firstly, it comprised reports of the platform project as such and relevant policy initiatives and meetings that have been organized during 2013 to 2018. Secondly, the aim was to provide an overview of ongoing activities in Nordic countries, the EU and ILO concerning the development towards a sustainable working life in order to make an impact on the next European Research Framework Horizon Europe as well as the still existing Horizon2020. A total of around one hundred people participated in the conference, representing all the Nordic Work Environment Institutes, the PEROSH Network for European Institutes, EU OSHA and Eurofound, as well as a number of leading researchers in various areas.

One of the key-speakers was Allan Larsson, former advisor to Jean-Claude Juncker re the European Pillar of Social Rights and also involved in the ILO work on Future of work. His presentation highlighted the theme of the development of various welfare and labor market models. One of the challenges is how individuals and employees can claim their rights in the new gig economy and platforms. How do you negotiate with a platform or algorithm? How can we change direction to meet the widespread social and political discontent, strengthen the social contract and start a new social recovery?

The second key-note speaker Jan Gulliksen, Professor at KTH, indicated that digitalisation is changing out working life more than else has done since industrialization. But this should not be interpreted as a bad thing that should be prevented. The change is necessary but requires conscious efforts to handle the consequences of digitalization in a good way.

In addition, four parallel sessions depend this discussion within four different research areas such conditions for job longevity on health and labour law regulation, challenges at work in

times of digitization, new perspectives on ergonomics and exposure research and finally, how to build links between research and practice.

During the second day of the conference, summaries of Nordic work environment research for the future and the social dialogue between social partners on quality of work and sustainable workplaces was discussed including contributions from DG Research and Swedish research funders regarding their view of future investments. The conference ended with two, younger researchers presented their look forward and a summing up from professor Maria Albin, head of the EU research promotion platform.

At our website www.sustainablework2020.se are most of the presentations as PDF documents. In addition, there are programme, participant lists and selection of abstracts as well as some photos from the conference.