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International conference

"Platform Work Directive, Digitalisation and AI: Evaluation and national challenges"

Date: 19 June (Friday) 2026

Venue: Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

UC3M Puerta de Toledo

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Organisers:

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M), Instituto Universitario de Derecho y Economía

Pázmány Péter Catholic University Budapest, Labour Law Department

Languages:

Applications may be submitted in **English and Spanish**. The presentations and papers may also be prepared in these languages.

Topic:

We cordially invite labour lawyers and other experts dealing with the labour market and particularly labour law to send an abstract of maximum 500 words on their research connected to the following topic of the Conference:

The conference addresses the transposition of **Directive (EU) 2024/2831** and its essential convergence with **Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (AI Act)**. The gathering is structured around the technical analysis of provisions requiring national measures by December 2026, a comparative study of Member State laws, and the application of safeguards under the AI Regulation regarding algorithmic management systems deployed by digital platforms.

The primary objective is to critically examine European harmonisation mechanisms, evaluating how digitalisation and AI are transforming industrial relations. The event aims to identify

specific challenges in aligning national laws with the Directive, whilst ensuring compliance with the transparency and human oversight obligations mandated by **Regulation (EU) 2024/1689** for high-risk employment contexts.

The scientific significance lies at the intersection of two pioneering regulatory frameworks whose implementation by Member States coincides: the **Platform Work Directive** and the **AI Act**. With the 2026 deadline approaching, a rigorous technical debate regarding the presumption of employment status and data governance under the standards of both instruments is essential. This analysis provides a vital prospective outlook on how European Union law regulates technology to safeguard fundamental rights within the digital labour market.

The abstracts will be evaluated by a scientific committee.

Presentation and publication:

Those who are selected can:
- Present their findings at the international conference "Platform Work Directive, Digitalisation and AI: Evaluation and national challenges" on 19 June 2026 (in English or Spanish). The presentations will be in parallel panels.
- Publish their **papers in English** in the *Hungarian Labour Law E-Journal*.
- Publish their **papers in Spanish** in *Labos*.

Deadlines:

The procedure of application:

1. Send an abstract up to 500 words **by 30 March 2026** through this link.
   Please include your name, title, affiliation, e-mail address.
2. The abstracts are evaluated by a scientific committee. Applicants are notified of the **evaluation by 15 April 2026.**
3. The selected applicants shall send their full papers by **30 May 2026**.
4. Deadline for registration: **30 May 2026**

Formats:

The conference will consist of sections with invited keynote speakers and sections of parallel panels. The full **Conference Program** will be announced in April 2026.

We are looking forward to your proposals!

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