



**four day week  
international summit  
/2022**

**27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**COMPLEX EXPORTIU - CULTURAL PETXINA**

**VALÈNCIA**

**10:00** Arrivals & Coffee

**10:30** Opening by the Mayor of the City of València, Mr. Joan Ribó.  
*General Conduction of the Event by: Oriana Brunori (Journalist).*

**10:45** Opening Dialogue: Towards the Reduction of Working Time?

*Speaker: Mr. Joan Majó. Engineer & Business Entrepreneur. Spanish Minister of Industry and Energy (1985-1986). Former Advisor to the European Commission. President of the Ernest Lluch Foundation.*

**11:30** Coffee Break

**12:00** **PANEL 1: An International Political Alliance for The Four-Day Working Week.**

Discussion with representatives from political parties that have publicly endorsed proposals to reduce the working week.

**Speakers:**

*John McDonnell. Member of British Parliament & Former Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer (Labour Party, UK).*

*Katrin Langensiepen. Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA).*

*Peredur Owen Griffiths. Member of Welsh Parliament (Plaid Cymru, Wales).*

*Neasa Hourigan. Member of the Irish Parliament (Greens, Ireland).*

*Fiona Hyslop. Member of the Scottish Parliament (SNP, Scotland).*

*Nacho Álvarez. State Secretary of Social Rights, Spanish Government (Podemos, Spain).*

*Iñigo Errejón. Member of Spanish Parliament (Más País).*

*Florent Marcellesi. Ex-Member of the European Parliament (Verdes-EQUO).*

*Conducted by: Enric Nomdedeu (Vice-Minister of Employment of the Valencian Government).*

**14:00** Lunch Break

**16:00** **PANEL 2: Business Initiatives & The Four-Day Working Week.**

Roundtable discussion with Representatives from firms that have already implemented a reduction of their working week or that are actively thinking about it.

**Speakers:**

*Andrew Barnes (Perpetual Guardian, New Zealand).*

*María Álvarez (La Francachela, Spain).*

*Ana Arroyo (Software del Sol, Spain).*

*Álvaro García (Hampa Studio, Spain).*

*Jose L. Poyatos (Big Buy, Spain).*

*Natalia Abril (Swapcard, UK).*

*Conducted by: Salut Pedrós (Journalist, À Punt)*



17:30

### **PANEL 3: Trade Unions & The Four-Day Working Week**

Discussion with representatives from worker unions about their take and specific proposals to reduce work hours.

#### **Speakers:**

Unai Sordo (*CCOO, General Secretary, Spain*).

Pepe Álvarez (*General Secretary, UGT, Spain*).

Sophie Jaenicke (*IG Metall, Germany*).

Ruby Gibson (*PCS, Scotland*).

Fausto Durante (*CGIL Nazionale, Italy*).

*Conducted by: Raquel Andrés (Journalist, La Vanguardia)*

19:00

**Closure by the Vice-President of the Valencian Government and Minister of Inclusive Policies, Mónica Oltra, and the Vice-President of the Spanish Government and Minister of Labour and Social Economy, Yolanda Díaz.**



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**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May**

09:30

**Arrivals & Coffee**

10:00

**Opening by the Regional Minister of Sustainable Economy, Commerce & Work, Mr. Rafael Climent.**

10:15

**PANEL 4: Experts. The Future of Work & The Shorter Working Week.**

Roundtable discussion with academic experts from different fields (economics, gender policies, ecology, law) about the possible benefits of reducing the working week.

#### **Speakers:**

Carmen Castro. *Economist (Feminist Economy Chair, University of València, Spain)*.

Jon Bernat Zubiri. *Economist (EHU, Basque Country, Spain)*.

Adrian Todolí. *Lawyer & Economist (University of València, Spain)*.

Paloma Villanueva. *Economist (Complutense University of Madrid)*.

Joan Sanchis. *Economist (Generalitat Valenciana & University of València, Spain)*.

Jorge Rosales-Salas. *Engineer (Mayor University of Chile)*.

*Conducted by: Amparo Soria (Journalist, Levante EMV)*

11:30

**Coffee Break**



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## MAIN DIALOGUE: Working Hours, Economic Development & Welfare, an Academic Perspective

*Mrs. Juliet Schor. Economist and Sociology Professor at Boston College (USA). Member of the MacArthur Foundation Connected Learning Research Network. Schor received her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Massachusetts. Before joining Boston College, she taught at Harvard University for 17 years. Schor's research focuses on the sharing economy, consumption, working hours and climate change. Schor's books include, among others, «The Overworked American that was a New York Times» bestseller, sparking a worldwide debate about work time, leisure and family life.*

*Mr. Pedro Gomes. Economist & Reader in Economics at Birbeck, University of London. PhD by the London School of Economics (LSE). Previously he has been Assistant Professor at the University Carlos III of Madrid and at the University of Essex. Author of the book: «Friday Is The New Saturday. How a Four-Day Working Will Save the Economy» (Flint, 2021).*

*Conducted by: Violeta Tena (Journalist, El Temps).*

14:00

## Lunch Break

16:00

## PANEL 5: The Four-Day Week Campaigns, Civic and Research Initiatives

Roundtable discussion with Representatives from civic campaigns and research entities that are supporting the transition to a four day or 32 hours work week.

### Speakers:

*Joe O'Connor (4 Day Week Global Campaign).*

*Will Stronge (Autonomy, UK).*

*Joe Ryle (4 Day Week Campaign, UK).*

*Charlotte Lockhart (4 Day Week Campaign, New Zealand).*

*Maria Álvarez (Plataforma 4 Suma, Spain).*

*Rosana Cervera (Ecologistas en Acción, Spain).*

*Conducted by: Kristin Suleng (Journalist, Head of Communication and Marketing of the Scientific and Technological Park of the University of Valencia).*

17:00

## Closing Dialogue: Technology, Artificial Intelligence & The Future of Work

*Lucía Velasco. Economist. Director General of Spain's National Observatory of Technology and Society. European Commission's independent expert. Author of the book: "¿Te va a sustituir un algoritmo? El futuro del trabajo en España" (Turner, 2021).*

*M<sup>a</sup> Luz Rodríguez. Professor of Labour Law at UCLM. Spanish Secretary for Employment (2010-2011). Chief of Staff at the Spanish Ministry of Work and Social Affairs (2005-2007). Regional Minister of Employment at Castilla La Mancha (2007-2010). She is the author of numerous articles in specialized journals and collective books. Recently she has been working with the ILO and Fundación COTEC on the fields of digital work and decent work.*

*Conducted by: Jèssica Crespo (Journalist, Cadena SER).*



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18:00

## PANEL 6: Public Initiatives & The Four-Day Working Week

Roundtable discussion with representatives from governments or entities that have worked or are working on public policy actions to support the reduction of working time among firms and public sector.

### Speakers:

Enric Nomdedéu. *Vice-minister of Employment (Valencian Gov.).*

Gudmundur D. Haraldsson (*ALDA, Islàndia*).

Héctor Tejero. *MP on the Madrid Regional Parliament and Lead Negotiator of the Spanish Project.*

*Conducted by: Julia Ruiz (Journalist, UGT, Former Levante-EMV)*

19:00

**Closure by the Vice-Minister of Employment of the Valencian Government, Mr. Enric Nomdedéu.**

19:30

**Closing Musical Performance by the Valencian Song-Writer: GEM.**



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