

Informal Work in Europe: Human Factors Perspectives and Challenges

Informal Work Webinar Series

Date: 25th February, 2025

Time: 15:00 UTC

Duration: 60 minutes

Summary: This webinar, organized by the IEA Informal Work TC, begins with an overview of the situation of informal work in Europe and then delves into the specific case example of sex work/prostitution in Germany. The example highlights the difficulties of legally defining what is work and getting agreement on regulations in morally contentious areas. It goes on to show the practical implications of implementing public policy decisions in this area. The discussion will then focus on issues of working conditions including labour exploitation and what professionals in the HFE field can do to support people working in sex work/prostitution.

Presenters:



Dr Maggie Graf, Eur.Erg. is the former head of the scientific division of the department responsible for labour and working conditions within the Swiss Federal Government. She was for some years the Swiss representative to the European Occupational Health and Safety Agency (EU-OSHA) and worked with the European Foundation for Living and Working Conditions. She is the immediate past vice President/Secretary General of the IEA and helped found the informal work technical committee, because of her interest in marginalized work.



Dr. Christine Preiser, is a PostDoc researcher at the Institute of Occupational and Social Medicine and Health Services Research at the University Hospital Tübingen. Her research areas span digital transformation in the workplace, ethnographic research, and informal work. She's member of the IEA informal work technical committee and the Global Coalition on Informal Worker Health, Safety and Wellbeing.

Moderator: Dr. Maggie Graf, member, IEA Informal Work TC, and immediate past vice President/Secretary General of the IEA.

Zoom Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V1_vUqfkQwGcsRSMc8KSPQ

Registration is complimentary (free) but required for participation. The webinar will be recorded and published on YouTube. Attendance permits live interaction with the presenters via Q&A. Registered attendees can complete a brief post-webinar survey to receive e-certificates of completion.