Documentary Screening & Panel discussion

Artifical Intelligence and the Transformation of the Labour Market: Challenges, Risks and Opportunities

Tuesday, 10 October 2023, 19h00 – 21h30
Heden Santa Apolónia, Lisbon, Portugal

Background

Rapid advances in the development and adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies provide new opportunities, but also raise fears about disruptive labour market and workplace transitions. According to the World Economic Forum, by 2025, AI is expected to automate 75 million jobs globally, while creating 133 million new jobs in their place.

The automation of existing jobs and the acceleration of advanced technologies can exacerbate inequality, leading to the so-called `digital divide` between regions, industries and groups of workers. In June 2019, the Portuguese Government presented the national strategy AI Portugal 2030 to set out challenges and opportunities of the growing AI ecosystem in Portugal. Portugal has a dual labour market where a large share of workers – young people, in particular – is employed on temporary contracts and thus face higher job insecurity, lower job quality and fewer education and training opportunities. In fact the Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) reveals that 26% of the Portuguese population in 2019 possessed no digital skills (9% in the EU as a whole) and that 52% had only basic digital skills (58% on average in the EU).

Shaping our digital future has also become a priority of the EU: in June 2023, the European Parliament passed the Artificial Intelligence Act (the "EU AI Act"), the world`s first comprehensive AI law and without doubt an important milestone in order to address the complex questions that come across with the usage of AI.

Against this background, Aldo Montesano`s documentary "AI and the Future of Employment" presents a cross-section of public opinion on AI. We invite you to come and join the discussion with him and other experts: How will AI shape the future of work?

Programme

Moderated by *João Ribeiro*, Director of the magazine Shifter

19h00 **Welcome**
- *Fabian Schmiedel*, Director - FES Portugal
- *Inga Sabanova*, Policy Officer - FES Future of Work, based in Brussels

19h10 **Screening of the documentary "AI and the Future of Employment"** with Portuguese subtitle

19h40 **Keynote speech - AI in Portugal**
- *Nuno Boavida,* Sociologist and Researcher - Interdisciplinary Centre for Social Study, New University of Lisbon (CICS.NOVA)

20h00 **Discussion - AI and the Future of Employment** with the following experts, among others:
- *Nuno Boavida*, Sociologist and Researcher - Interdisciplinary Centre for Social Study, New University of Lisbon (CICS.NOVA)
- *Aldo Montesano*, Director of the Documentary "AI and the Future of Employment"
- *António Dias Martins*, Executive Director of Startup Portugal

21h15 **Conclusion**

21h20 **Get together**

English - Portuguese simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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