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Subject: Study exploring the social, economic and legal context and trends of telework and the right to disconnect, in the context of digitalisation and the future of work, during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic

European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion has launched a Study exploring the social, economic and legal context and trends of telework and the right to disconnect, in the context of digitalisation and the future of work, during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. The exploratory study aims to understand how flexibility in working time and place will evolve in the future, and how to make full use of the potential benefits offered by such flexibility while anticipating and addressing emerging challenges. The study will feed into the policy debate, and reflection on the appropriate EU policy responses to the emerging opportunities and challenges.

The contract for the study was awarded to Visionary Analytics, represented by Žilvinas Martinaitis for this study, in collaboration with Notus and national experts. Access by the consultants to relevant actors, data, information and experiences is vital for the success of this study. We kindly ask you to facilitate the work of the contractor, in particular when they contact you with regard to the collection of information via a survey or for an interview request. This will contribute to the production of a high-quality report which can be of use for the Commission, Member States and broad range of stakeholders, including social partners, employees and employers.

Please note that contractor is bound to treat with confidentiality any information identified as such.

For further information, please contact the team managing this study by e-mail at <u>EMPL-VT-2021-030@ec.europa.eu</u>, with a copy to Krisztina Boros (krisztina.boros@ec.europa.eu) and Andrea Glorioso (andrea.glorioso@ec.europa.eu).

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