# SYNDICAT EUROPEAEN TRADE UNION

## THE 4<sup>TH</sup> INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION A NEW CHALLENGE FOR EUROPE







### WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES

- Job creation
- Gains in productivity
- Energy and raw materials savings (3D printing, RFID, etc.)
- Less arduous work (robots or co-bots)
- More horizontal cooperation



#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS

- Job destruction (from 100% to 10%)
- Segmentation of labour market
- More monopolies and monopsonies (Winner takes all?)
- Change in the classical model of company (blockchain)
- More control with digital data



### THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WON'T BE FAIR BY NATURE...





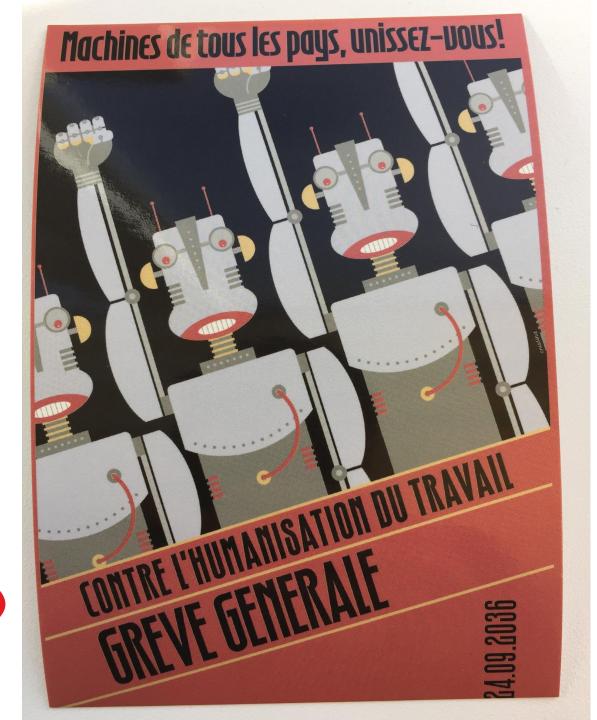
### FAIR BY NATURE?



## INFLUENCE THE PROCESS AND FIND A EUROPEAN WAY TO SHAPE A FAIR DIGITAL ECONOMY









### WE CAN (STILL) INFLUENCE

- Technology is not yet ready to replace us
- Won't change overnight
- Technology exists VS. Tech widely deployed
- Depends on the economic and social context
- Old problems remains (growth, inequalities, climate change!)



### **UNIONS / SOCIAL PARTNERS**

- We have a huge responsability
- First step: more workers' participation: how to empower them?
- How to shape digitalisation: Need for social dialogue and strong collective bargaining systems
- European social dialogue: ball in employers' court...



### A NEW CHALLENGE FOR EUROPE

- Social dimension of the digital single market - Fight against digital divide
- Up-to-date regulatory framework (platforms, Artificial intelligence and Robotics, taxation, etc.)
- Support workers on technological change
- Need for EU Investment (R&D, Innovation, Education and training)



### IN BRIEF

- 1. « Human-in-command approach »
- 2. New start for social dialogue
- 3. Need for a « European way » to shape the 4th industrial revolution



### **THANK YOU**

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