



## **EU Industry Days**

## MONDRAGON's session on skills and worker coops

The fourth edition of the EU Industry Days is coming up 22-26 of February in Brussels (online).

The Industry Days are European Commission's flagship event on industry.

It's an event with high-level speakers such as **Ursula von der Leyen** (President of the European Commission), **David Sassoli** (President of the European Parliament) and EU Commissioner in charge of Internal Market **Thierry Breton**.

## **MONDRAGON** will organize the session:

"Accelerating industrial transformation and workers' skill development through worker coops"

It will be on the **24<sup>th</sup> of February at 15:45**. Registrations are open ( <u>www.euindustrydays.eu</u> )

The COVID-19 crisis showed the importance to maintain industrial capacity in the EU when global supply chains are disrupted. Worker coops invested in skills development, like Mondragon, have a role to play in the preservation of European industrial capacities. In 2019, more than 8000 cooperatives are active in the field of industry and construction in Europe.

Reskilling and upskilling of workers and opportunities for lifelong learning ecosystems are key to worker cooperatives. Policy makers and social economy enterprises should find solutions that align companies and educational centers in the development of more effective learning.

This and others will be the topics of the session that includes the participation of speakers such as:

- Ulla Engelmann (Head of unit, Advanced Technologies, Clusters, social economy, DG Grow)
- Iñigo Albizuri Landazabal (Public Affairs Director, MONDRAGON and CICOPA President)
- Giuseppe Guerini (CECOP President )
- Francesca Montalti (EC's Industrial Forum Member & Head of Industrial Sector Legacoop)
- Anu Puusa ( Professor at the University of Eastern Finland and Board Member of Pellervo )

