

A Better Work Start

ECP Post COVID-19 Initiatives

Enabling effective, resilient, ethical and responsible business for future workforces

The impacts of COVID-19 are being felt across our society, in our medical system, businesses, social organisations, our economy, as well as the mental health and wellbeing of individuals.

In this context RMIT with its partners will assemble cross disciplinary teams to analysis the critical issues in order both to influence the societal debate and to develop focused research-based interventions. These activities will look at five focal areas. For each “Start”, round tables with Industrial partners will initiate cross-disciplinary analysis of the critical issues involved. This will lead to a Briefing and a White paper to contribute to the societal debate and to define critical areas in RMIT and its partners to contribute.

We kicked off on 28 May with an online “Conversations on the Future of Transport and Logistics”. On 10th June we held a “Scenarios Roundtable” where we had leading players and experts in the field discuss with the audience on a range of scenarios that may unfold as our society begins to re-open after the COVID-19 closure.

What is coming next:

- A workshop in early July on “Impact of COVID-19 on Maritime Supply Chain and Post-Pandemic Mitigation Strategies: Implications for Australia”
- Second workshop in July on “Establishing Critical Supply Chains” – The Pros and Cons

- Planning for third workshop on the “Future of work”, including business, ethics and human rights – focused on “Framework” conditions
- Re-focussing other initiatives on Restart – Future of Aviation and Co-ordination with RMIT EUROPE

The four key themes (streams) are:

1. Supply Chain - led by Assoc. Prof. Victor Gekara, Assoc. Prof. Vinh Thai and Prof. Arnan Mitchell
2. Managing Uncertainty - led by Dr. Justyna Dabrowska and Dr. Iryna Heiets
3. Digitalisation (safety concerns and return to work) - led by Assoc. Prof. Victor Gekara and Dr. Ben Cheng
4. Shared Values - led by Assoc. Prof. Joona Keranen and Dr. Natalya Turkina

We would like to encourage you to get involved in a stream of your interest and provide your valuable input for shaping the Post COVID-19 future.

Feel free to get in touch with the relevant stream leaders and discuss your participation.

We are looking forward to working with you on this exciting initiative.

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