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Welcome to the second inspiration session of this school year with the theme '**Digitization of the Workspace**', which will take place on **Wednesday 8 December**. Given the current measures - and in line with the theme - we will be completely online again this time to be!

Through two short but very inspiring presentations, we will discuss the impact of technology within our (hybrid) work environment. We are extremely happy and proud that **Erik Jaspers (Planon)** and **Raphael Gielgen (Vitra)** take us along in their experiences and their vision on this theme. This time the Q&A will be hosted by two of our junior researchers. They conduct research into, among other things, technostress and the (hybrid) workspace.

**15:30u** Intro

**15:35u** Inspiration by Erik Jaspers - Planon

**16:50u** Inspiration by Raphael Gielgen - Vitra

**16:05u** Q&A: students; putting forward questions about the future of the workplace

**16:20u** Break

**16:30u** Discussion in small groups

**16:50u** Wrap up + closure

Due to the international context, the part before the break will be in English.

If you are curious about 'Mapping the universe of Remote Work' by Merit Zimmerman and Raphael Gielgen, click [here](#). A teaser about 'Work on the move' by Planon in collaboration with the IFMA foundation you can read [here](#).

Met vriendelijke groet | Kind regards,  
Saskia Mars, Sjoukje van Dellen, Mark Mobach



**Erik Jaspers van Planon** | Director of Global Product Strategy & Innovation, Planon Software

Erik Jaspers built his over 40-year career in IT, starting in production automation with Philips Electronics.

For the last twenty-one years he has been working for Planon Software, the leading European-based IWMS/CAFM software vendor. Over these years he has held senior management positions managing the development of Planon's software solutions. He is currently working on Planon's product strategy and innovation policies.

He contributed to multiple publications on subjects of IT and Facility management. Examples are IFMA publications 'Work on the Move' (2011, 2016, 2021) 'Technology for Facility Managers' (2012 and 2017) and the (German) GEFMA publication 'CAFM-Handbuch (2018). He has authored articles on technology for FM for magazines like FMJ and the Real Estate Journal (2014 – 2017 - 2020) and is a regular speaker at Real Estate and Facility Management conferences around the world.

He is member the IFMA EMEA Board, board member of the IFMA RBI, Special Advisor to the IFMA Foundation and member of the (German) GEFMA Digitization workgroup.

Last publication: Work on the Move 3, IFMA Foundation, October 2021 (Co author)



**Raphael Gielgen van Vitra** | Trendscout Future of Work Life & Learn by Vitra

I call an environmentally friendly farm close to Regensburg in Bavaria my home. A place that is successfully influenced by alternative energy sources. Even some of my colleagues think that I'm crazy. My irrepressible curiosity, the restless desire for explanation and the desire to turn everything upside down make me uncomfortable at times - and when I appear in the office again, after a long journey, I share experiences that seems more like a virtual utopia than like lived reality. I visit more than 100 companies, universities and startups a year, the world is my workplace, the future is my area of research.

My work informs Vitra's approach to improving the quality of offices and public spaces through the power of design by serving the varied Vitra team with the results of my observations and cognitions by trend clusters, market analysis, and business cases.