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Tripartite Social Summit



Concrete changes to save Europe now

A ETUC delegation took part in the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment ahead of the European Council. The ETUC reiterated its call for an effective social dimension to the EU and for stopping the attacks on workers' rights. According to the ETUC, deregulation risks undermining citizens' support for the European project. Moreover, the ETUC presented the [Joint Declaration by the European Social Partners on the involvement of the Social Partners in the European Economic Governance](#). The European Social partners sent also a [joint letter to the President of the European Council](#) asking for the settlement of an investment plan to stimulate growth and employment creation.

More information: <http://www.etuc.org/a/11601>

Speech given by Bernadette Ségol to the TSS: <http://www.etuc.org/a/11675>

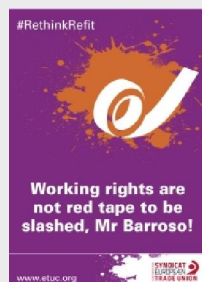
European Council



Empty words on social Europe, strong words to support deregulation

A “broader understanding” of social imbalances and injustices is what the EU Council considers as being the social dimension of the EMU. This is miles away from Social Europe as the ETUC understands it. For the ETUC, Council conclusions offer no perspective to re-direct economic policies towards more equality, less poverty, and long-term investment for sustainable growth and good jobs. On the eve of the European Summit, the Executive Committee of the ETUC adopted a [statement calling for an ambitious European investment programme](#) with a target of investing an additional 2% EU GDP per year over the next decade

More information: <http://www.etuc.org/a/11685>



More information: <http://www.etuc.org/a/11608>



No world cup in Qatar without labour rights



The ETUC called on UEFA representatives in the FIFA Executive Committee meeting recently in Zurich to obtain immediate and binding guarantees on labour rights from the authorities in Qatar. Without these, the venue of the 2022

World Cup should be reconsidered.

More information: <http://www.etuc.org/a/11598>

More cooperation is needed in the field of education and training policies

At their meeting on the 16th of October, European social partners (ETUC, BusinessEurope, UEAPME, CEEP, ETUCE, EFEE) and Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, agreed to cooperate more in the preparation and implementation of education and training policies, and to develop social dialogue on these topics. The areas and objectives of cooperation are set out in a document to be endorsed by all parties.

More information: <http://www.etuc.org/a/11659>

ETUC Women's Committee

Election of the new Presidium

The ETUC Women's Committee elected the members of the new Presidium. France Sponem (FO – France) was elected President of the Committee. Gloria Mills (TUC – UK) and Ekaterina Yordanova (CITUB – Bulgaria) are Vice- presidents. Substitutes are Pinar Özcan (HAK-IS – Turkey) and Joa Bergold (LO – Sweden).

European trade union agenda - November 2013

07/11: ETUC Executive committee

14-15/11: Congress of the Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations (Saco)

28-29/11: Congress of the Council of European professional and managerial staff (EUROCADRES)

28-30/11: Workers' Union (USO)

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