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THE ETUC JOINS THE EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST POVERTY AND EXCLUSION

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Poverty and social exclusion are evils still rooted in the European Union. And the crisis has made the situation even worse. Because of its long standing involvement in those fields, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) will take part in the "European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion" launched by the EU Executive and being implemented by the Commission.

The Lisbon Strategy failed to eradicate poverty in Europe, one of the objectives set for 2010. The ETUC is of the opinion that a strong mobilization and a determined commitment are more than ever necessary to combat poverty. This mobilization must take place simultaneously on two fronts: social protection and employment.

Józef Niemiec, Confederal Secretary, said: *"Combating poverty not only is finding remedies but is also intervening beforehand by reinforcing and improving the social protection systems. It is also to provide a decent income to everyone irrespective of their social, professional and personal situation. It is as well developing quality, financially affordable social and healthcare services for all".*

The participation of the ETUC in this European campaign will be by way of a series of events. The ETUC will also work with the civil society actors in order to eradicate poverty, and thus social exclusion, in the European Union. The ETUC and its members also intend to use the opportunity of this campaign to include their own initiatives in the process of the mobilization campaign for employment which they will conduct in 2010.

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