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European Trade Union Confederation [ETUC]
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The Turkish members of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) will demonstrate together on 1 May at Taksim Square in Istanbul. This is the first time in history that the Turkish authorities have authorised a demonstration on this square, which is a symbol of trade union demands and the struggle for democracy. A large European and international trade union delegation will be present for this joint demonstration.

For the first time in history, the Turkish trade unions affiliated with the ETUC – DISK, KESK, HAK-IS and TURK-IS – will hold a joint demonstration on May Day at Taksim Square in Istanbul. For the ETUC, this event marks a major step forward towards the recognition of fundamental and trade union rights in Turkey.

"Following on from the recognition of May Day as Workers' Day, with the adoption of a law last year, this authorisation to demonstrate together at Taksim Square is another step in the right direction. Indeed, this square is a highly symbolic place for trade union organisations. The ETUC welcomes this advance that enables Turkish trade unions to carry out a joint action in such an important location", declared ETUC General Secretary John Monks.

A delegation whose members include numerous representatives of European federations and trade unions will participate in this International Workers' Day demonstration.

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) speaks with a single voice on behalf of the common interests of workers, at European level. Founded in 1973, it now represents 82 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 12 industry-based federations.

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