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The 5th EU-Latin America and Caribbean Trade Union Summit is being held in Madrid, 4-5 May, organised by European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA). Employment, social cohesion and workers' rights will be at the centre of the discussions.

The trade union Summit is taking place on the eve of the 6th Summit meeting of EU-LAC Heads of State and of Governments (in Madrid on 18-19 May) to which the trade unions will be presenting their views. John Monks, ETUC General Secretary said: "*Decent work should be at the centre of the debate between the Heads of State at their Summit. This is crucial for sustainable development. And yet, from what we have seen, the issue is hardly mentioned in their draft conclusions. The Action Plan that the Heads of State are to adopt should reflect the need to act on decent work, concretely. We raised this with the EU High Representative last week.*"

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