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HUNGARIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EU: ETUC MEETS ITS HUNGARIAN AFFILIATES

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Leaders of the six Hungarian affiliates of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) – LIGA, ASZSZ, SZEZ, ESZT, MszOSz, MOSz – met John Monks, General Secretary of the ETUC in Budapest last night to discuss the Hungarian Presidency of the EU and trade union responses to the economic crisis, both in Hungary and the EU.

There was wide agreement on the need to urgently meet the Prime Minister of Hungary (and current President of the EU) to discuss the crisis and Europe's response to it, along with the threat to Social Europe, the public sector and workers rights posed by the austerity and other measures in the EU.

The ETUC will keep in close touch with the unions and plan further activities in Hungary.

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