

ETUC press release

media@etuc.org

Verzonden: woensdag 25 januari 2012 20:03

Aan: Veerle Solia

EUROPEAN TRADE UNION DAY OF ACTION

25 January 2012



**European Trade Union Confederation [ETUC]
Confédération européenne des syndicats [CES]**

In the face of a worsening economic and social situation and the ever-tougher austerity measures being imposed by Europe's leaders as the only solution, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) has called for a European day of action on 29 February, the eve of the European Council. Trade unions will mobilise across Europe to have jobs and social justice placed at the heart of political priorities.

European trade unions met today, in Brussels, in a strong and coordinated response to the worsening economic and social situation.

On the initiative of the ETUC, a European day of action will be organised on 29 February, the eve of the European Council. European trade union organisations will carry out actions in their own country to bring attention to the gravity of the situation. Jobs and social justice can no longer be kept off the European agenda.

ETUC General Secretary Bernadette Ségal declared: *"European trade unions are mobilising to say 'enough is enough'. Austerity measures are not the only answer to the crisis. On the contrary, they cause tremendous social damage. The draft international treaty that will be on the agenda of next week's summit reinforces austerity. Its sole objective is to reduce public deficits as much as possible, regardless of the social impact. Europe cannot continue to impose measures that do not work, that plunge countries deeper into the crisis and impoverish more and more people. For the European trade unions, this treaty must include a strong social component. Balanced budgets are necessary but austerity alone exacerbates imbalances. A policy of stimulation of the economy through investments should be the solution of choice."*

Pictures of the trade union assembly and press conference available at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/etuc-ces>

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.

The ETUC is also on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). To subscribe to the [ETUC newsletter](#), please [click here](#).

For more information :

Patricia Grillo.

ETUC Head of Press and Communications

+ 32 (0)2 224 04 30

+ 32 (0)477 7 7 0 1 64

E-mail : Pgrillo@etuc.org

--

To have your name removed from the mailing list of the ETUC - CES MEDIA, simply click on this link

Si vous ne désirez plus figurer dans la base de données de l'ETUC - CES MEDIA, veuillez cliquer sur le lien

[this link](#)

To update your details please click

Afin d'actualiser vos coordonnées et les confirmer, veuillez cliquer sur le lien

[this link](#)

POWERED BY [PHPLIST](#) v 2.10.5, © [TINCAN LTD](#)

=

- This E-mail Message was Processed by Virtual AutumnTECH: Standard Edition -

<http://www.AutumnTECH.com>

=