

The ETUC denounces the adoption of the permanent austerity treaty

Media@etuc.org

Verzonden: maandag 5 maart 2012 11:15

Aan: Veerle Solia



The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) stresses that it opposes the new treaty which has just been signed by 25 countries at the European Summit. This treaty will impose even greater budgetary austerity in Europe and hamper the recovery in employment. The European trade union deplores the fact that growth and employment are not the focus of detailed commitment in the same way as budgetary rigour.

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

ETUC General Secretary Bernadette Ségal states: 'By adopting this treaty, the European Summit has adopted the wrong strategy. Instead of focusing on a plan for the recovery of employment and mechanisms for financial solidarity, the European Union has decided to press on down the path of permanent automatic austerity. This is a losing strategy, because this decision cripples any chance of economic recovery and will stoke social unrest. The Council's conclusions insist on the need for growth to create employment; this is a good thing, but the resources and policies in support of this objective are unfortunately not backed up with any precise commitments. Budgetary rigour will strip the effectiveness from the declared objective of growth.'

The ETUC exists to speak with a single voice, on behalf of the common interests of workers, at European level. Founded in 1973, it now represents 84 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>

=