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**Meeting with the College of Commissioners:  
“The social dimension of the EU must be real”**

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***The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) today met with the College of Commissioners to discuss the roadmap for the social dimension of the Economic and Monetary Union under preparation. The European trade union insisted on the social emergency, the need to discontinue austerity policies, and the need of a policy for growth and employment. Without such a change of course, support for European integration is likely to evaporate.***

During the meeting with the College of European Commissioners, the ETUC delegation presented [the position on EU's social dimension recently adopted by its Executive Committee](#). For the European trade union, the European integration process must set a goal for social progress and full employment whilst ensuring minimum social standards for all the Member States. The fight against unemployment must be the priority of priorities by putting an end to austerity policies and launching an investment programme for growth and employment.

***“It is essential that the roadmap on the social dimension that will be produced by the European Council in June is more than a band-aid solution. This roadmap must not avoid the crux of the matter: it is the current austerity policies that are eroding the social fabric of our societies. If there is no clear indication that these policies are going to change, there can be no serious roadmap for the social dimension. It is the condition for trade union support for the European project”, ETUC General Secretary Bernadette Ségal declared.***

- ETUC position on the social dimension of the EU: <http://www.etuc.org/a/11136>

*The European Trade Union Confederation (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 85 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 10 industry-based federations. The ETUC is also on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#).*

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