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The ETUC's social dimension for the European Union to be promoted in Greece

On the 12 June, Bernadette Ségol, ETUC General Secretary and the President of the Greek unions, GSEE (Greek General Confederation of Labour) will meet the Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, as part of the ETUC's "Tour of the European Capitals" to push for the social dimension in Europe. At a time of crisis and social emergency, European trade unions demand a [radical change of course](#) and propose their alternatives to restore growth, tackle unemployment and build a fairer Europe.

For 3 years Greece has been subjected to harsh austerity measures leading to among others dramatic cuts in wages, social provisions and pension benefits which are violating its international obligations. It is a clear signal to the Greek authorities and in particular, to the European Commission and the European Central Bank, as well as the International Monetary Fund, that austerity does not work.

Meeting in Dublin on June 5 and 6, trade unions across Europe have called for a new European Recovery Programme focusing on job creation and the promotion of the European Social Model, as a priority. This will be the common message to the Greek government.

A press briefing will follow the meeting. For more information: kratimenou@gsee.gr

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

- Tour of the EU Capitals "Towards a social dimension for the European Union"
<http://www.etuc.org/a/11184>

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