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## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

### DECENT WORK RECRUITMENT DAY

On 3 September, the Decent Work Decent Life Campaign held the Decent Work Recruitment Day at the European Parliament Plenary Session, asking Members of the European Parliament to reaffirm and reinforce their commitment to promote Decent Work for All. *"In the midst of the discussion on the European Commission's Social Package and with burning issues on the European agenda, such as the Working Time Directive and the equal pay for equal jobs principle, it is high time to ask our elected representatives to renew their commitments to make decent work a reality for all,"* said Conny Reuter, Secretary General of SOLIDAR. He continued *"Today, September 3rd, European people have entered the Parliament and asked their representatives to support the Call to Action for Decent Work, for a more Social Europe."*

Jan Andersson MEP and Rudi Delarue launched the day at which more than 100 MEPs visited the Decent Work Recruitment Desk to sign the Call to Action: [a list of signatories is available online](#)

[Read the media release for the event](#)

### 'GLOBALISING DECENT WORK DECENT LIFE' PUBLIC DEBATE

- **15 September: Conference - Globalising Decent Work: from political will to implementation strategies** - hosted by Josep Borrell MEP - this event is co-organised by SOLIDAR and the Global Progressive Forum in the framework of the Decent Work Decent Life Campaign and the EU funded project jobs Jobs Jobs. The conference Globalising Decent Work is structured into three moderated panels: 1) The challenges for Decent Work in Europe; 2) Decent Work, MDGs, and Poverty Eradication; 3) Trade for Decent Work.
- **16 September: Round table - Chinese Investments in Africa and Latin America: what challenges for the Decent Work Agenda?**  
China has announced increasing economic cooperation and aid pledges and may become Africa's largest trade partner by 2010. At the same time, its role as trade and development partner for Latin America's countries is also growing. Looking at China's presence in both Latin American and African key economic sectors, the round table will look at the following questions:
  - o What impact has it on EU-Africa development cooperation strategies?
  - o How this impacts EU-Latin America relations?

These events will take place in the European Parliament. See the [Programme](#) and [register](#)

### OZIPLIKIS RAISES AWARENESS ON DECENT WORK IN TURKEY

The Turkish Trade Union for Workers in woven, string, knitting and clothing industries (Öz plik- ) is leading the Decent Work Decent Life Campaign in Turkey. Their mobilisation has already brought more than 2000 signatures to the call to action for decent work and more are expected to come in the next months.

[Visit their website](#) - with the call to action in Turkish - to find out more about their activities

### SOLIDAR AT EUROPEAN SOCIAL FORUM

SOLIDAR is co-organising a seminar on 'Decent Work and sustainable development' at the [European Social Forum \(ESF\)](#), an open space where civil society groups and movements opposed to neo-liberalism and a world dominated by capital or by any form of imperialism come together. The Forum is being held from the 17-21 September in Malmö, and SOLIDAR invites you to come and join us in building labour strategies for decent work and dignity for all!

[Read more about the SOLIDAR seminar](#)

## SOLIDAR CONSORTIUM IN SRI LANKA UPDATE

Following the Government's order to withdraw from the Vanni earlier this week, UN Agencies and International Non Governmental Organisations (INGOs) that were providing humanitarian assistance to Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) have begun to relocate their international staff, non residential national staff and most assets to the government-controlled Vavuniya District. The Government said it could no longer guarantee the safety of UN and INGO staff. [Read about the impact on the withdrawal...](#)

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS

### EP REPORT ON THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMBATING POVERTY VOTED

This Wednesday, the own-initiative report "Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty, including child poverty, in the European Union" was voted on by the European Parliament's Employment and Social Affairs Committee. SOLIDAR contributed to the draft report in discussing the main lines of the document with rapporteur Gabi Zimmer (GUE/NGL, Germany) which built on SOLIDAR's reply to the consultation on active inclusion. [Read more...](#)

You can read the report in [English](#) | [French](#) | [German](#)

### INSIGHT INTO IRISH NO VOTE ON EUROPEAN TREATY

Mid-June, Irish voters in a referendum rejected the New European Treaty or Lisbon Treaty. This week the Irish government published results of an enquiry it had launched to find out more about the reasons behind the vote. This research revealed that the biggest reason for voting NO was the lack of information and understanding citizens had about the 400-page document. The second and third most important reasons for the NO votes were the issues of Irish neutrality and taxation. [Read more about the reasons given for the no vote...](#)

On 15 October, SOLIDAR is holding the Silver Rose Awards and SOLIDAR 60th Anniversary celebrations. This event will award not only the achievements of exceptional individuals and organisations who have contributed to the struggle for social justice but also celebrate 60 years of our organisation's history. With the support of the Socialist Group in the Parliament and hosted by Harlem Désir MEP and Ieke van den Burg MEP, the event will take place in the European Parliament in Brussels.

If you would like more attend, please contact [silverrose@solidar.org](mailto:silverrose@solidar.org)

## MEMBERS' NEWS

SOLIDAR member, **Norwegian People's Aid**, has launched an urgent appeal regarding the assassination attempt on Honduras' Public Prosecutor Luis Javier Santos. He has been shot four times and is in a critical condition in hospital, following an attack connected to his anti-corruption work. NPA has sent an appeal letter to the authorities of Honduras and encourages other SOLIDAR members to do the same. [More information from Amnesty International](#) and letters sent by NPA [Spanish](#) | [English](#) (Please send letters in Spanish for greater effect)

SOLIDAR member, **Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB)**, have the following job vacancies for the Local Initiatives Project in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka:

- [Finance Assistant](#)
- [Social Mobiliser](#) (maternity leave substitution) (Tamil)
- [Communication / Marketing Assistant or Officer](#) (English/ Sinhala)
- [Project Coordinator](#)

**SOLIDAR Global Network Partner in Argentina** will organise, in the framework of the Decent Work Decent Life Campaign, a roundtable on the following topic on decent work and gender and decent work and the trade union movement. The roundtable will take in Buenos Aires on 15 September.

**SSAE, Soutien, Solidarité et Actions en Faveur des Émigrants**, is holding a seminar on '[Le droit à la mobilité : nouvel horizon pour penser les migrations?](#)'

3	Decent Work Recruitment Day, EP, Brussels
4-6	European Civic Forum - mobility, dialogue, participation: towards an active European citizenship", La Rochelle, France
12-13	Global Network meeting, Brussels
15	SOLIDAR Final Jobs Jobs Jobs/Decent Work Conference, Brussels
16	SOLIDAR Round Tables 'Chinese investments in Africa and Latin America: What Challenges for the Decent Work Agenda?', EP, Brussels
19-21	SOLIDAR delegation at European Social Forum, Malmö, Sweden
22-23	SOLIDAR and SOLIDAR Baltic Conference on Decent Work, Riga
2	FIC/SOLIDAR Seminar on flexicurity & labour market inclusion, Copenhagen
3	SOLIDAR Social Affairs Committee, Copenhagen
7	World Day For Decent Work - Call to Action handover, Brussels and International
15	SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards 2008 and 60 Years Anniversary, Brussels
15-16	Round Table on the Fight against poverty and social exclusion, Marseille
17	Conference on promoting social terms in public procurement contracts, Paris
28-29	Forum on Social Services of General Interest, Paris
30-2	Volonteuropa 2008, Genoa, Italy
21-22	European Conference on Social Economy "Building Europe with Social Economy players, Strasbourg
24-25	European Forum on Demography, Brussels
27-30	Salon de l'Education, Paris
9-10	Social Platform Annual Conference "Civil Dialogue - How can we shape the Europe we want?", Brussels

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