

"It is my duty to continue legal protests to preserve Iranian rights," writes the wife of rival candidate Mir Mousavi on their website. It is already two weeks since Mr Ahmadinejad declared his resounding victory in the 12 June Iranian presidential elections. Amidst a complete lack of regular democratic voting control and with rival candidates casting allegations of vote-rigging, rival supporters took to the streets in protests which have resulted in many people being killed.

On behalf of SOLIDAR, I wish to condemn the use of violence by the police and rival supporters on the Iranian people exercising their fundamental right to demonstrate, and call for the freedom of assembly and freedom of speech to be reinstated for the people of Iran. I furthermore call on the G8, meeting in Italy today, to support a repeat of the vote in Iran under international supervision. Let us unite to condemn the violence and repression in Iran.

It is only together that we are a force for change!

Josef Weidenholzer, President of SOLIDAR

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ACTION ALERT FOR DECENT WORK AND SOCIAL PROTECTION AT UN CONFERENCE

SOLIDAR is following the UN Conference on the Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development. The official conference opened on Wednesday, and on Monday the conference adopted the text that has been in painful negotiations over the last few months. Generally it appears that the outcome document is weak in many areas as compared against civil society demands for the conference, but that it was a compromise that may open doors to the UN to be further involved in global economic and financial reform issues - a move which SOLIDAR strongly supports.

Yesterday was the day for action on Decent Work and Social Protection at the civil society mobilisation around the UN Conference. An Action Alert was sent out urging stakeholders to take action for decent work and social protection - [read the alert and take action!](#) Read about [other activities in New York](#)

SUPPORT US EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

Currently the US has some of the world's most regressive labour laws that are not even in line with the International Labour Organisation's Core Labour Standards. As a result US workers do not have the right to form and join a union of their choice without corporate interference, which weakens their ability to argue for higher wages and better social protection systems.

In the next few months, the US Congress will discuss the passing of a piece of legislation called the Employee Free Choice Act ([read more](#)). The US labour movement has been fighting to get this act passed in order to give US workers the basic and fundamental right to organise. They are asking for individuals and organisations to support them in their struggle. SOLIDAR is asking for organisations in Europe to send [letters](#) to their governments asking them to communicate their support for this initiative to the Obama Administration.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

EY2010 NGO GROUP REQUESTS POLITICAL LEGACY FROM EU MINISTERS

On the occasion of 2010 European Year on the Fight against Poverty, the 40 European networks in the 2010 NGO Coalition - including SOLIDAR - sent a letter to the Ministers of Employment and Social Affairs, to draw their attention to the activities planned by the Coalition in 2010 and the political legacy that should be ensured.

The main request was that the EY be "a springboard towards new and better policies, putting people at the heart of EU policy-making. The EU year 2010 should lead to the adoption of ambitious EU and national targets in the fight against poverty, (including for example reducing child poverty by 50% by 2012 and ending street homelessness by 2015), with strong EU policy instruments and the investment of public resources to support the achievement of these targets." Read the full [Steering Group letter](#).

MIGRATION & EDUCATION

SEMINAR ON SOCIAL AND CIVIC DIALOGUE ON IMMIGRATION IN ROMANIA

In the framework of the Together for Social Europe and the Global Network for a Fair Globalisation projects, SOLIDAR organised together with its Romanian member [ADO SAH ROM](#) and partners, the NGO ARCA and trade union FRATIA, a first debate on Social and Civic Dialogue on Immigration in Romania on 23 June.

The debate - which saw the participation of the Romanian government, employers, trade unions, and NGOs working on migrant workers from third countries - provided an opportunity to exchange experience between Romanian and Spanish migration management systems (SOLIDAR member MPDL the Spanish Trade Union Confederation CCOO also took part) as well as between different forms of social and civic dialogue which are essential to the inclusion of migrant workers in their hosting societies to ensure that their voice is heard. [Read more...](#)

EUCIS-LLL EVENT

On 22 September, EUCIS is organising an event in two parts:

9.30-12.30: Working group on "*EQF and NOF: tools for learning continuity?*"

14.00-17.30: Public Hearing on Lifelong Learning and European active citizenship

MEMBERS

In the **Members Area**: new post-European elections section, register for the Middle East Working Group and Western Balkans Working Group taking place on 3 July. Don't have a password, contact [Abigail](#)

Read about **Pour la solidarité**'s [upcoming events](#)

Read **Arci**'s [newsletter](#)

Arci are also organising next week a "Crisis of civilization" [conference](#) in preparation for the G8. Topics under debate include the role of local community, local identity as a common good and a new idea of state not aimed to destroy diversity.

24-26	United Nations High-level conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, New York
3	SOLIDAR Middle East Working Group, Brussels
3	SOLIDAR Western Balkans Working Group, Brussels
8-9	EPSCO Council, Sweden

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