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Onderwerp: SOLIDAR Weekly Round Up 1-10-2010

NO TO AUSTERITY - PRIORITY FOR JOBS AND GROWTH!

Over 100,000 people marched through the streets of Brussels on Wednesday, gathering together delegations from over 30 countries - a real Euro-demonstration. The message: "No to austerity - Priority for jobs and growth!". We are glad to have been able to have joined in with the march holding our message high.

The European Commission and Member States' governments cannot ignore this massive call from the people who are feeling the consequences of austerity measures, who are afraid of losing their jobs, their dignity and their future. There is a need to use the social potential of the new Europe 2020 Strategy. There is a need for action and results to create not just jobs, but decent work, sustainable growth and to reduce poverty and social exclusion. And the answer for how to finance this is simple: a Financial Transaction Tax. Now!

Conny Reuter, Secretary General

See [PES](#) | [S&D](#) | [Social Platform](#) at the march.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

ADVANCES IN DECENT WORK FOR GERMAN METALWORKERS

Yesterday, the German metalworkers' union - IG Metall - agreed on a 3.6% salary raise in a regional bargaining agreement concluded in Düsseldorf. In addition temporary agency workers will be paid at the same level as full-time employees which is a real breakthrough as most of the newly created jobs in Germany after the crisis are through temporary agencies. Employers call this a "flexible response to the needs of labour market" but up until now only 7% have got a fixed contract through them. This result is a major step forward for decent working conditions and should be the (German) example for the rest of Europe! [Read press release](#).

TOWARDS AN EU-LEVEL LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON MINIMUM INCOME?

This month former MEP Anne Van Lancker presented a paper ([EN](#) - [FR](#)), commissioned by the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN), on a framework directive on minimum income schemes. The paper was delivered to fuel debates with EU institutions and Member States which will - hopefully - result in getting a commitment on this topic by the end of 2010, the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

The paper explores possible legal bases for elaborating a European Framework Directive on Minimum Income, makes proposals as to possible content and contains a draft version of such a directive, respective of the subsidiarity principle. [Read more](#).

NEW CASE STUDY ON UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS IN SWEDEN

Last week, a new SOLIDAR briefing was released on [Undocumented migrants: equal access to labour and social rights?](#) Undocumented migrations in Sweden face difficulties in entering the labour market and becoming integrated in society. Their situation makes them particularly vulnerable to many forms of exploitation - long hours, harsh working condition, low pay or no pay. This briefing focuses on the example of workers in Stockholm's laundries and the work of the Swedish Trade Union Centre for Undocumented Migrants to help defend those workers' rights.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

GOLDSTONE REPORT: COMMITTEE SAYS INVESTIGATIONS BY ISRAEL AND GAZA AUTHORITIES ARE INADEQUATE

The UN Human Council discussed this week the [report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Flotilla attack](#), as well as the [report of the Committee of experts](#) in international humanitarian and human rights law on the Gaza conflict, providing the first

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