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Onderwerp: SOLIDAR Weekly Round Up 04-02-2011

As the European Parliament debates the Single Permit which will worsen segregation and inequality between workers; as the people in Tunisia, Egypt (read updates from CTUWS) and other Arab countries challenge their despotic leaders and fight for democracy and human rights; we head for the next World Social Forum (WSF) in Dakar (see our programme below).

The WSF brings together a huge community of "altermondialistes", radicals, humanists, democrats and progressives. There is a need and there is a message: the need is to federate progressive forces and to build bridges between the world of work and civil society, between progressives of different kinds in order to prepare progressive majorities for the future which will open the way for a real change.

Although the crisis is systemic and results from uncontrolled speculation, we observe that the tendency - not only in Europe - is that financial markets and the conservatives want to continue following these uncontrolled markets and speculation. The WSF offers us a message that another world is still possible and that workers and the people are not there to pay the price for a crisis which they are not responsible for.

Conny Reuter, Secretary General

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

SOLIDAR AT WORLD SOCIAL FORUM 2011

SOLIDAR together with the Global Progressive Forum, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, the International Trade Union Confederation and numerous member organisations will be present at the World Social Forum next week. Together with our partners we are organising 4 workshops over 8-9 February on the major challenges for the next decade: decent work, migration and global social protection, access to water and the general public good. See the [full programme](#)

EUROPEAN SOCIAL WATCH REPORT 2010 LAUNCHED

On Tuesday (1 February) Social Watch and Eurostep launched the European Social Watch Report for 2010 in the European Parliament. This year's edition entitled: "[Time for Action - Responding to poverty, social exclusion and inequality in Europe and beyond](#)" includes an article by SOLIDAR on social protection as an Instrument for Poverty Reduction and Social Cohesion.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

REVISION OF EU PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LEGISLATION WITH MORE SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS?

On Thursday (27 January) the European Commission started a public consultation on the modernisation of the [EU public procurement policy](#). The [initial input](#) concentrates on the inconsistencies between Internal Market policies influencing public procurement and the social and sustainability EU policy objectives. [Read more...](#)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE LIMELIGHT

As a response to the EC proposal [Youth on the Move](#), the [Employment Committee of the European Parliament](#) discussed on Thursday the draft opinion of Jutta Steinruck (S&D) on "[Youth on the move: a framework for improving Europe's education and training systems](#)". In this context, SOLIDAR particularly welcomes the intent to include social partners and youth organisations in the development of strategies aimed at the reduction of youth unemployment. [Read more...](#)

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