

**ETUC 13<sup>th</sup> Statutory Congress**  
**Paris, 29 September – 2 October 2015**  
**“Stand up in solidarity for**  
**quality jobs, workers’ rights and a fair society in Europe”**  
**Draft programme**  
(22 September 2015 – to be updated)

**Monday 28 September 2015**

- 16.00-21.00 Registration  
**For security reasons, you are urged to register on Monday 28 September**  
In exceptional cases, registration is possible on Tuesday morning

**Day 1 – Tuesday 29 September 2015**

- 8.00-9.00 Last minute registration. Closing at 9am sharp.
- 9.30-13.00 **OPENING**
- [Musical interlude]
- Welcoming address by *Jean-Claude Mailly, General Secretary of FO*  
Intervention by *Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris*  
Intervention by *Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission*  
Intervention by *Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament*  
Intervention by *François Hollande, President of the French Republic*
- [Musical interlude]
- Congress opening by the ETUC President
- Obituaries
- Ratification of affiliations and observer status  
Credential report  
Debate and vote on the amendments to the ETUC Constitution
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch break  
ETUI fringe meeting on organising
- 14.30-18.00 Activity Report presented by the ETUC General Secretary  
Debate and vote on the Activity Report
- Panel 1: Quality jobs for youth: beyond the youth guarantee?**
- Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, representing the Presidency*  
Other participants in the panel: *Goda Neverauskaitė, President of the PERC Youth Committee* and a trade union leader from Italy to be confirmed  
Moderator: *Fabien Cazenave, Community Manager, Euranet plus*

Discussion from the floor

Interview with *Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility* conducted by *Fabien Cazenave, Community Manager, Euranet plus*

18.00 ETUC & ETUI reception. Opening of the health and safety exhibition (Maison de la Mutualité, exhibition hall)

## Day 2 – Wednesday 30 September 2015

9.00-13.00 **Women's participation in Congress**

Adoption of the resolution on women's representation in ETUC bodies

### **Session on the refugee crisis in Europe**

Intervention by *Aida Hadzialic, Swedish Minister for Upper Secondary School, Adult Education and Training*

Testimony from *Oumar Diakhby, Activist in the CSC Committee of undocumented workers, Brussels*

Presentation of the motion by the General Secretary  
Debate and vote

### **Pillar I: A strong economy for all working people**

*Józef Niemiec, Deputy General Secretary*, presents the Introduction and Pillar I of the ETUC programme 2015-2019 and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto

### **Panel 2: Quality employment for all**

Discussion including *Markus Beyrer, Director-General of BusinessEurope, Reiner Hoffmann, President of DGB, Candido Mendez, General Secretary of UGT-E, Lauri Lyly, President of SAK, Ulrich Eckelmann, General Secretary of IndustriAll Europe, Piotr Duda, President of NSZZ Solidarność, Marie-Hélène Ska, General Secretary of CSC.*

Moderator: *Quentin Dickinson, Director of European Affairs at Radio France, Correspondent in Brussels*

General discussion on Pillar I and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto  
Vote on Pillar I

Intervention by *Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO)*

13.00-14.30 Lunch break & Reception hosted by the French confederations and French exhibitors

ETUI fringe meeting on 'The new company organisation: a challenge for trade unions'

- 14.30-18.00 **Pillar II: Stronger unions for democratic values and democracy at work**  
*Patrick Itschert, Deputy General Secretary*, introduces Pillar II of the ETUC programme 2015-2019 and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto
- Interactive session on European Works Council and democracy at work  
 Short testimonies from the floor  
 Facilitator: *Claudia Menne, Confederal Secretary*
- Interactive session on social dialogue at all levels (short statements from *Imre Palkovics, MOSZ President, Oliver Röthig, ETUFS representative, Italy*)  
 Facilitator: *Patrick Itschert, Deputy General Secretary*
- Intervention by *Victor Baez, General Secretary of the Trade Union Confederation of Americas (TUCA)*
- General discussion on Pillar II and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto
- ETUC Brian Bercusson award

### Day 3 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015

- 8.30-9.30 Congress photo action on climate for General Secretaries and/or Presidents (in exhibition space)
- 9.00-13.00 Interactive session on collective bargaining (short statements from *Josef Stredula, CMKOS President and Marc Goblet, FGTB General Secretary*)  
 Facilitator: *Luca Visentini, Confederal Secretary*
- Mikhail Shmakov, President of PERC*, addresses Congress
- Continuation of the discussion on Pillar II and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto (if necessary)  
 Vote on Pillar II
- Intervention by the *President of the workers' group of the European Economic and Social Committee, George Dassis*
- Statement by the President on election procedure  
 Introduction of candidates to the positions of General Secretary, Deputy General Secretaries and Confederal Secretaries
- Pillar III: A core of ambitious social standards**  
*Veronica Nilsson, Confederal Secretary*, introduces Pillar III of the ETUC programme 2015-2019 and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto
- General discussion on Pillar III and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto
- Intervention by *Mary Robinson, Chair of the Board of Trustees Mary Robinson Foundation Climate Justice*
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch break  
**Vote on the new President, the new Secretariat and the auditors takes place during lunch break**  
 ETUI fringe meeting on climate change

14.30-18.00 **Panel 3: Fighting social dumping**

Discussion including *Kjell Skjarvo, EFBWW representative, Sabine Trier, ETF Deputy General Secretary, Bart Vannetelbosch, EFFAT representative, Philippe Martinez, General Secretary of CGT, Lizette Risgaard, Vice-President of LO-Denmark, Karl-Petter Thorwaldsson, President of LO-Sweden, Mladen Novosel, President of SSSH-UATUC (Croatia)*  
Moderator: *Quentin Dickinson, Director of European Affairs at Radio France, Correspondent in Brussels*

General discussion on Pillar III and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto (continued)

Vote on Pillar III

Adoption of the Programme (vote)

Intervention by *Sharan Burrow, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation*, on trade union power

20.00 Social evening organised by the French confederations (Paris Town Hall)

**Day 4 – Friday 2 October 2015**

9.00-12.30 Election results

**Panel 4: The role of the ETUC**

Introduction by the newly elected General Secretary and discussion including trade union leaders: *Frances O'Grady, General Secretary of TUC, Laurent Berger, General Secretary of CFDT, Patricia King, General Secretary of ICTU, Jens Kragh, Director of FTF, Erich Foglar, President of ÖGB, Plamen Dimitrov, President of CITUB, Salvatore Marra, President of Youth Committee and Annelie Nordström, President of EPSU.*

Endorsement of the relevant document as a basis for an action plan.

Presentation and vote on the Paris Manifesto by the newly elected General Secretary

Newly elected President addresses Congress  
Outgoing General Secretary addresses congress  
Outgoing President closes Congress.

[End of the 13<sup>th</sup> ETUC Congress – Musical farewell]

12.30 Press conference

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13.00 Meeting of the Executive Committee to elect the new Steering Committee and the Vice-presidents

