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CONGRESS
BERLIN 23-26 MAY 2023

DRAFT AGENDA

ETUC 15TH STATUTORY CONGRESS

Berlin, 23–26 May 2023

Verti Music Hall

TOGETHER FOR A
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FOR WORKERS



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Interpretation

Active languages: English, French, Croatian, Czech, Finnish, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

Passive languages: Bulgarian, Dutch, Norwegian, Romanian, Slovak and Slovene.

Legend



Votes



Delegates speaking time



Fringe event



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16.00 – 21.00

Registration

Congress venue

16.00 – 18.00

Meeting of the Steering Committee

(EN/FR/DE interpretation)

Spreespeicher - Stralauer Allee 2

14.00 – 15.30

Youth Committee fringe event: Power to Union Youth!

Spreespeicher - Stralauer Allee 2

18.00 – 19.00

**ETUI fringe event (with FES and DGB):
East-West trade union relations during the cold war**

Holiday Inn East Side Meeting (Room I & II) -

Wanda-Kallenbach-Straße 2



Entry at Congress premises before or at 8.00 AM because of security checks (metal detector check) for entering the premises. Please note that it will not be possible to enter the venue between 9.00 and 11.00 AM on Tuesday 23rd May because of the security measures connected with the presence of Olaf Scholz, German Federal Chancellor.

8.00 – 8.50

ETUI fringe event: Inequality, poverty, and precarity

Congress venue (IV floor – meeting room)

Start of Congress

9.00 – 9.30

Congress opening ceremony

9.30 – 10.10

Welcome addresses:

Yasmin Fahimi, DGB President

Kai Wegner, Governing Mayor of Berlin

Olaf Scholz, German Federal Chancellor

10.10 – 10.35

Interview:

Yusra Mardini, Olympic swimmer and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

Introduced by **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

10.35 – 10.50

Credentials report

Adoption of agenda and standing orders

Ratification of affiliations and observers status

Obituaries

10.50 – 11.00

Presidential address:

Laurent Berger, ETUC President

11.00 – 11.15

Solidarity with Ukraine:

Video illustrating trade union solidarity actions

Grygorii Osovyi, FPU President

Mykhailo Volynets, KVPU President



11.15 – 12.15

ACTIVITY REPORT

Video of ETUC main achievements

Short presentation by **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

Short Plenary Debate:

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON THE ACTIVITY REPORT

Conclusion by **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

Vote on the Activity Report



12.15 – 12.30

What will be in the next European Parliament agenda for working people

Pedro Marques, Vice-President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament

Terry Reintke, Co-President of the Greens/EFA in the European Parliament

Martin Schirdewan, Co-President of the Left Group in the European Parliament

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch break

12.40 – 13.50

ETUI fringe event: Trade unions empowered

Congress venue (IV floor – meeting room)

12.45 – 13.45

ETUC, Eurocadres, EPSU fringe event:

Mental health at the ballot box. The final push for a Directive on psychosocial risks

Congress venue (IV floor – lobby)

14.00 – 14.25

A new start for Social Dialogue at EU level?

Markus Beyrer, BusinessEurope Director General

In discussion with **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

14.25 – 15.25

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Presentation by **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

Plenary Debate:

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Conclusion by **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

Vote

15.25 – 15.40

Message from the European Parliament

Evelyn Regner, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Message from the European Economic and Social Committee

Oliver Röpke, President of the European Economic and Social Committee

Lucie Studničná, President of the Workers' Groups of the European Economic and Social Committee

15.40 – 15.50

How to reinforce the role of young people in the trade union movement

Yolanda Gil, President of the ETUC Youth Committee

15.50 – 18.05

TOGETHER FOR TRADE UNION RENEWAL

Presentation of the Action Programme Chapter by

Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary

Plenary Debate:

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON TRADE UNION RENEWAL

Conclusion by **Isabelle Schömann**, ETUC Confederal Secretary

Vote on the amendments

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18.05 – 18.15

How to reinforce the role of women in the trade union movement

Gloria Mills, President of the ETUC Women's Committee

Starting at 18.30

Joint ETUC / ETUI Celebration of the 50 years of the ETUC

Congress venue (in front of the ETUI stand)



8.00 – 8.50

ETUI fringe event: Democracy at Work

Congress venue (IV floor – meeting room)

8.00 – 8.50

ETUI fringe event: Emerging Issues in Health and Safety at Work

Congress venue (IV floor – lobby)

09.00 – 09.30

Which actions from the EU institutions to promote collective bargaining and the European Pillar of Social Rights in face of austerity

Esther Lynch, ETUC General Secretary in discussion with:

Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

Dennis Radtke, Member of the European Parliament

Agnes Jongerius, Member of the European Parliament

09.30 – 11.45

TOGETHER TO CHANGE THE FUTURE OF WORK FOR GOOD

Presentation of the Action Programme Chapter by

Claes-Mikael Ståhl, ETUC Deputy General Secretary

Plenary Debate:

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON THE FUTURE OF WORK FOR GOOD

Conclusion by **Claes-Mikael Ståhl**, ETUC Deputy General Secretary

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11.45 – 12.15

How to strengthen the EU action to tackle the cost-of-living crisis and precarious work?

Claes-Mikael Ståhl, ETUC Deputy General Secretary in discussion with:
Sara Matthieu, Member of the European Parliament

Claes-Mikael Ståhl, ETUC Deputy General Secretary in discussion with:
Stefan Löfven, PES President

12.15 – 12.30

Trade unions and the European social model: Social dialogue and cross-border solidarity

Katrin Distler, President IRTUCs Steering Committee

Congress photo action: 50 Years of the ETUC

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch break

12.40 – 13.50

ETUI fringe event: Beyond the polycrisis

Congress venue (IV floor – meeting room)

12.45 – 13.45

ETUC / ETUI fringe event: Brian Bercusson Award

Congress venue (IV floor – lobby)

12.30 – 13.50

ETUN fringe event: Building solidarity with Palestinian workers

Holiday Inn East Side Meeting (Room I & II) -
Wanda-Kallenbach-Straße 2

14.00 – 14.30

**CONGRESS HIGHLIGHT:
CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS OF THE ETUC**

Celebratory video

Interventions by young trade unionists from across Europe

14.30 – 14.45

Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary, introduces the
ETUC Brian Bercusson Award

14.45 – 15.00

Investments for quality jobs

Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary, introduces
Hubertus Heil, Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Germany

15.00 – 15.45

ETUC CHARTER OF VALUES

Presentation by Laurent Berger, ETUC President

Plenary Debate:

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON THE CHARTER OF VALUES

Conclusion by Laurent Berger, ETUC President

Vote

15.45 – 18.00

TOGETHER FOR AN ECONOMY FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

Presentation of the Action Programme Chapter by
Liina Carr, ETUC Confederal Secretary

Plenary Debate:

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON AN ECONOMY FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

Conclusion by Liina Carr, ETUC Confederal Secretary

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18.00 – 18.10

Gilbert F. Hounbo, ILO Director General, addresses Congress

18.10 – 18.20

Luc Triangle, ITUC Acting General Secretary, addresses Congress

18.20 – 18.30

Solidarity with people and trade unions in Türkiye
Interventions by trade unions in Türkiye

19.00

DGB Dinner

Open to all persons with a Congress badge
Spindler & Klatt - Köpenicker Straße 16-17





<p>8.00 – 9.00</p>	<p>Meeting of the Steering Committee to examine emergency resolutions and statements (EN/FR interpretation) (Congress plenary hall)</p>
<p>8.00 – 8.50</p>	<p>ETUI fringe event: Sustainability and resilience Congress venue (IV floor – meeting room)</p>
<p>9.00 – 10.00</p>	<p>ELECTIONS PROCEDURES Statement by President on election procedures Introduction of candidates for the positions of General Secretary, Deputy General Secretaries, Confederal Secretaries, President, Vice-Presidents</p>
<p>10.00 – 10.15</p>	<p>International trade union solidarity is not a crime Esther Lynch, ETUC General Secretary, introduces Noureddine Tabboubi, UGTT General Secretary</p>
<p>10.15 – 12.00</p> 	<p>TOGETHER FOR OUR EUROPEAN FUTURE Presentation of the Action Programme Chapter by Ludovic Voet, ETUC Confederal Secretary Plenary Debate – first part INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON OUR EUROPEAN FUTURE</p>
<p>12.00 – 12.20</p>	<p>Address to Congress Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission Congress photo action: Gender pay equality – Equal pay for work of equal value!</p>
<p>12.30 – 14.00</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>During the lunch break</p>	<p>ELECTIONS (all positions)</p>

12.30 – 13.50

ETUI fringe event:
Artificial intelligence and the world of work
Congress venue (IV floor – meeting room)

12.30 – 13.50

FES fringe event:
Trade Unions and right-wing populism in Europe
Congress venue (IV floor – lobby)

12.30 – 13.50

LO-S, DGB and Histadrut fringe event - Unity in Diversity:
How Trade Union cooperation is empowering Palestinian Workers in Israel
Hotel Hampton by Hilton Berlin ("Friedrichshain / Kreuzberg" meeting room)

14.00 – 14.30

TOGETHER FOR OUR EUROPEAN FUTURE

Plenary Debate – second part

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON OUR EUROPEAN FUTURE

Conclusion by **Ludovic Voet**, ETUC Confederal Secretary

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14.30 – 14.45

The need to strengthen international trade union solidarity

Rafael Freire, TUCA General Secretary

Maxim Poznyakov, BKDP Acting President

Shaher Saed, PGFTU General Secretary

14.45 – 15.15

Are inequality, precarious work and poverty at work gifts to the Far Right?

Ludovic Voet, ETUC Confederal Secretary in discussion with:

Mélanie Vogel, Co-President of the Greens Party

Walter Baier, President of the Party of the European Left

Gabriele Bischoff, Vice-President S&D Group

15.15 – 15.30

CONGRESS HIGHLIGHT

Congress solidarity against racism

Together: Trade Union struggle against racism

15.30 – 16.00

A new Social Contract for Europe

Liina Carr, ETUC Confederal Secretary in discussion with:

Mikael Leyi, Solidar Secretary General

Veronica Nilsson, TUAC Acting General Secretary



16.00 – 16.15

Meeting the challenges and opportunities for social dialogue

Valeria Ronzitti, Secretary General, SGI Europe in discussion with **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

16.15 – 18.30

TOGETHER FOR A STRONGER ETUC

Presentation of the Action Programme Chapter by **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

Plenary Debate:

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES FOR A STRONGER ETUC

Conclusion by **Esther Lynch**, ETUC General Secretary

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18.30 – 20.00

Women's Committee fringe event: We are not standing still

Congress venue (IV floor – lobby)

Starting at 18.30

Guided walking tour of Berlin – Workers' journey (focus on labour history)

Registration needed to participate – register [here](#)

Start at the entrance of the Congress venue



9.00 – 9.30

ELECTIONS RESULTS AND NEW ELECTED TEAM

Announcement of the results of the votes

Photo of new Presidency and Secretariat

9.30 – 11.00

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Presentation of emergency resolutions and statements

Plenary Debate

INTERVENTIONS BY CONGRESS DELEGATES ON EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Vote on emergency resolutions and statements

11.00 – 12.30

ADOPTION OF THE OVERALL ACTION PROGRAMME

Vote on the overall Action Programme

ADOPTION OF THE BERLIN MANIFESTO

Newly elected President addresses Congress

Newly elected General Secretary presents the Berlin Manifesto



APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Outgoing and incoming Presidents close Congress

End of Congress

12.30 – 13.00

Meeting of the new Executive Committee to elect new Steering Committee and the Vice-President in representation of the European Trade Union Federations
(Congress plenary hall)

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