14 November 2012

European Day of Action and Solidarity

Action in Brussels

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) is calling for a European Day of Action and Solidarity on 14 November. The European trade union movement is mobilising - for jobs, solidarity and against austerity.

For years now, European trade unions have denounced austerity measures which are plunging Europe into recession. The ETUC demands a change of direction in favour of a European Social Compact. The remedies administered so far do not work; they destroy our jobs and social heritage.

The ETUC wants a Social Compact for Europe with a genuine social dialogue, an economic policy which promotes quality jobs, economic solidarity between European countries and social justice (See flyer on [http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf/Tract_A4_EN.pdf](http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf/Tract_A4_EN.pdf)).

*In the context of this day of action, two symbolic events will take place in Brussels led by the ETUC and the Belgian trade unions FGTB-ABVV, CSC-ACV and CGSLB-ACLVB.*

1. A tour of the embassies by the ETUC, FGTB-ABVV, CSC-ACV and CGSLB-ACLVB trade union leaders from 10:00 to 11:30.

2. A rally at Rond–Point Schuman from 12:00 to 13:00.

*Programme for 14 November in Brussels:*

**Group 1: Tour of the embassies of Cyprus, Portugal and Ireland:**
[http://goo.gl/maps/XVFwK](http://goo.gl/maps/XVFwK)

*Composition of the trade union leaders’ delegation:*

- Deputy General Secretary ETUC, 
  **Anne Demelenne**, General Secretary FGTB-ABVV, 
  **Claude Rolin**, General Secretary CSC-ACV, 
  **Bernard Noël**, National Secretary CGSLB-ACLVB

**10:00 – 10:30** – Cypriot Embassy
  Avenue de Cortenbergh, 61
  1000 Brussels

**10:30 – 11:00** – Portuguese Embassy
  Avenue de Cortenbergh, 12
  1040 Brussels

**11:00 – 11:30** – Irish Embassy
  Chaussée d’Etterbeek, 180
1040 Brussels

**Group 2: Tour of the embassies of Spain, Germany and Greece:**
http://goo.gl/maps/XVFwK

Composition of the trade union leaders’ delegation:

- **Bernadette Ségo**l, General Secretary ETUC,
- **Rudy De Leeuw**, President FGTB-ABVV,
- **Marc Leemans**, President CSC-ACV,
- **Jan Vercamst**, President CGSLB-ACLVB.

10:00 – 10:30 – Spanish Embassy
   Rue de la Science, 19
   1040 Brussels

10:30 – 11:00 – German Embassy
   Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 8-14
   1040 Brussels

11:00 – 11:30 – Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU
   Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 21-24
   1040 Brussels

A rally will stay in front of each embassy holding a “No to austerity” banner.

The Groups which toured the embassies will then head Rond–Point Schuman for a rally which will start at 12:00.

**12:00 – 13:00 – Rally at Rond-Point Schuman, Brussels (Schuman metro)**

- 12:00 – Meeting of a delegation of ETUC, FGTB-ABVV, CSC-ACV and CGSLB-ACLVB trade union leaders with José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission.

- There will be a press meeting point will take place at Rond–Point Schuman

- The following trade union leaders have already confirmed their presence:
  - **Bernadette Ségo**l, General Secretary ETUC,
  - **Rudy De Leeuw**, President FGTB-ABVV,
  - **Anne Demelenne**, General Secretary FGTB-ABVV,
  - **Marc Leemans**, President CSC-ACV,
  - **Claude Rolin**, General Secretary CSC-ACV,
  - **Jan Vercamst**, President CGSLB-ACLVB.
  - **Bernard Noël**, National Secretary CGSLB-ACLVB.
Several General Secretaries from European trade union federation, as well as members of Brussels-based representative offices of national trade union confederations, will also be present.

13:00 – Action ends.