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CONGRESS  
BERLIN 23-26 MAY 2023

# DRAFT AGENDA

## ETUC 15<sup>TH</sup> STATUTORY CONGRESS

Berlin, 23–26 May 2023

Verti Music Hall

TOGETHER FOR A  
**FAIR DEAL**  
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 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



Last minute registrations

Entry at Congress premises by 8.00am at the latest because of security checks for entering the premises due to 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

Governing Mayor of Berlin (tbc)

**Olaf Scholz**, German Federal Chancellor

10.10 – 10.35

**Interview:**

**Yusra Mardini**, former swimmer and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

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

10.35 – 10.50

**Adoption of agenda and standing orders**

**Obituaries**

**Credentials report**

**Ratification of affiliations and observers status**

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:

**Stefan Löfven**, PES President

**Ana Mendes Godinho**, Portuguese Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security  
(tbc)

12.15 – 12.30

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

**Katrin Distler**, President IRTUCs Steering Committee

**Irakli Petriashvili**, PERC President

**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

**Luc Triangle, ITUC Acting General Secretary, addresses Congress**

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

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

Vote on the amendments

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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:

**Melanie 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

Vote on the amendments

Vote on the overall Chapter



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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