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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**  
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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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:

**Stefan Löfven**, PES President

**Sara Matthieu**, Member of the European Parliament

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><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 Tabboubi</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

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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

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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