

TRADE UNION PLATFORM OF THE « GRANDE REGION »
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Invitation to the Social Europe Demo organized by the trade unions of the European region called « Grande Région » in presence of the national presidents of OGBL, Jean-Claude REDING, and LCGB, Robert WEBER, as well as the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) Deputy General Secretary, Reiner HOFFMANN

Luxembourg
5 July 2008 at 14.00 hrs

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

On 9 June 2008, the EU Employment and Social Affairs Council was meeting in Luxembourg and agreed on increasing the weekly working time in Europe up to 65 hours.

A few days later, on 12 June, the Irish people campaigned against european politics by voting No to the Lisbon Treaty. Beyond doubt, the weakening of the Working Time Directive has contributed to the rejection of the Treaty.

Still a few day later, on 19 June, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in Luxembourg sentenced the Grand-Duchy for violating the terms of the Posting Directive in its legislation implementation. This ECJ judgment is the last one in a series of judgments (Viking, Laval, Rüffert) which share one common trait : they all aim at narrowing down and undermining trade union and workers rights.

Supported by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), the trade unions of the European region called „Grande Région“, which includes the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Wallonia in Belgium, Lorraine in France, as well as Saarland and the Western part of North Rhine-Westphalia in Germany, are calling for a cross border demo in favour of Social Europe on 5 July at 14 hrs at the Place de Clairefontaine in Luxembourg-City. Amongst others, the national president of OGBL, Jean-Claude REDING, the national president of LCGB, Robert WEBER, as well as the ETUC Deputy General Secretary, Reiner HOFFMANN, will be holding speeches.

Before the begin of the demo, the trade unions will be received around 13.30 hrs by the luxembourgish Minister of Work and Employment, Mister François Biltgen.

We ask you to send a journalist and a photographer to cover this demo.

Best regards,

Christophe Knebeler

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