

Dear Friends,

The ETUC is pleased to invite you to an online public high-level conference with the title **A Youth Recovery: Time for Quality Jobs!** (How) Will Europe prevent a Lost **Generation?** on 15 February 2021 from 13.45 to 16.45.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its social and economic repercussions have hit young people in Europe particularly hard; youth unemployment figures are skyrocketing. Being very often employed in precarious, non-standard and self-employed work, young people had hardly access to income compensation and employment protection measures. Young people are paying the most for the consequences of the Covid-19 crisis, yet they have often been overlooked by national political agendas.

We therefore need to strengthen our efforts to include youth in all relevant European policies and ensure this is included also in national policy agendas. At the Conference we will address above mentioned issues to increase awareness about the needs of young people at the labour market and to bring together different actors working on the topic, presenting what has been done so far and opening the floor for an exchange on what can still be done and the steps ahead of us.

Please find a draft agenda attached. Interpretation will be provided in **English**, **French**, Italian, Spanish, German, and Portuguese.

We sincerely hope that you will find time in your busy agendas to join us for this important event. If you are interested, please confirm your participation <u>via this link</u> to receive all information and dial-in details.

For any further questions do not hesitate to contact Alessandra Cialdani (acialdani@etuc.org) or Lisa Terren (eterren@etuc.org).

Kind regards,

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