ETUC
EUROPEAN WORKS COUNCIL CONFERENCE
2022

About The Event
Every year the ETUC invites hundreds of EWC members from all over Europe to Brussels. The Conference is a key moment of exchange between trade unionists, workers’ representatives and politicians.

Date : 08 - 09 September

Day 1 : 13.00 - 17.00h
@ European Parliament (JAN 4Q2)

Day 2 : 9.00 - 12.30h
@ International Trade Union House

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With the financial support of the European Union
13.00 Welcome address by Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederat Secretary

13.15 Welcome speech Iratxe García Pérez, President of the S&D Group

**PANEL #1**

13.30 The European Parliament’s legislative initiative report on the revision of the EWC Directive – What’s in there?

**Moderation**

Aline Hoffmann, ETUI

**Speakers**

- Dennis Radtke, MEP EPP
- Gabriele Bischoff, MEP S&D
- Eugenia Rodríguez Palop, MEP The Left
- Mounir Satouri, MEP The Greens
- Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, MEP Renew

Interventions from several EWC members & trade union experts

15.00 Coffee break

**PANEL #2**

15.30 Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence: Bringing back workers into the Commission’s proposal

**Moderation**

Stefan Clauwaert, ETUC

**Speakers**

- Lara Wolters, MEP S&D
- Manon Aubry, The Left
- Antje Gerstein, EESC rapporteur
- Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederat Secretary

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17.00 End of the first day
09.00 Empowering European Works Councils in challenging times  
by Isabelle Schômann, ETUC Confederal Secretary

WORKSHOP SESSION #1

WORKSHOP #1
A Handy Guide for Litigation Strategies
- Romek Jagodzinski, Labour Sureal
- Sjef Stoop, SBI Formaat

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WORKSHOP #2
EWC Coordination - The devil's advocate
- Eckhard Voss, WMP
- Fabrice Warneck, Syndex

10.40 Coffee break

WORKSHOP SESSION #2

WORKSHOP #3
Corporate Sustainability Reporting & Due Diligence: Opportunities & challenges for EWCs
- Sigurt Vitolis, ETUI

11.10

WORKSHOP #4
Friends in high places - How EWCs can use the added value of Board-level representatives
- Sara Lafuente Hernández, ETUI
- Aline Hoffmann, ETUI

12.30 End of the Conference - Light lunch
End human rights violations in supply chains

INVOLVE TRADE UNIONS

More than 40 million people are victims of modern slavery and millions more are denied basic human rights and decent work conditions in countries where European companies make huge profits.

Trade unions are key to ensuring that human rights are real in the workplace, but too often companies deny unions any involvement.

That’s why we are joining together to urge the EU to make the involvement of trade unions in companies’ due diligence responsibilities a mandatory requirement - backed up with effective remedies for workers and unions if rights are denied.

Sign our petition and join in to help us turn the draft EU Directive into an effective piece of legislation.