ETUC 13th Statutory Congress
Paris, 29 September – 2 October 2015
“Stand up in solidarity for
quality jobs, workers’ rights and a fair society in Europe”
Programme

Monday 28 September 2015

16.00-21.00 Registration
For security reasons, you are urged to register on Monday
28 September
In exceptional cases, registration is possible on Tuesday morning

Day 1 – Tuesday 29 September 2015

8.00-9.00 Last minute registration. Closing at 9am sharp.
9.30-13.00 OPENING

[Musical interlude]

Welcoming address by Jean-Claude Mailly, General Secretary of FO
Intervention by Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris
Intervention by Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission
Intervention by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
Intervention by François Hollande, President of the French Republic

[Musical interlude]

Congress opening by the ETUC President
Obituaries
Ratification of affiliations and observer status
Credential report
Debate and vote on the amendments to the ETUC Constitution

13.00-14.30 Lunch break
ETUI fringe meeting on organising

14.30-18.00 Activity Report presented by the ETUC General Secretary
Debate and vote on the Activity Report

Panel 1: Quality jobs for youth: beyond the youth guarantee?

Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy, representing the Presidency
Other participants in the panel: Goda Neverauskaitė, President of the PERC Youth Committee and Susanna Camusso, CGIL General Secretary
Moderator: Fabien Cazenave, Community Manager, Euranet plus

Discussion from the floor
Interview with Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility conducted by Fabien Cazenave, Community Manager, Euranet plus

18.00 ETUC & ETUI reception. Opening of the health and safety exhibition (Maison de la Mutualité, exhibition hall)

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<td><strong>Pillar II: Stronger unions for democratic values and democracy at work</strong></td>
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Patrick Itschert, Deputy General Secretary, introduces Pillar II of the ETUC programme 2015-2019 and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto

Interactive session on European Works Council and democracy at work
Short testimonies from the floor
Facilitator: Claudia Menne, Confederal Secretary and Caroline de Haas, Groupe Egalis

Interactive session on social dialogue at all levels (short statements from Imre Palkovics, MOSZ President, Oliver Röthig, ETUFS representative and Maurizio Petriccioli, CISL National Secretary)
Facilitator: Patrick Itschert, Deputy General Secretary

Intervention by Victor Baez, General Secretary of the Trade Union Confederation of Americas (TUCA)

General discussion on Pillar II and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto

ETUC Brian Bercusson award

Day 3 – Thursday 1st October 2015

8.30-9.30 Congress photo action on climate for General Secretaries and/or Presidents (in exhibition space)

9.00-13.00 Interactive session on collective bargaining (short statements from Ulrich Eckelmann, General Secretary of IndustriAll Europe, Josef Stredula, CMKOS President and Marc Goblet, FGTB General Secretary)
Facilitator: Luca Visentini, Confederal Secretary

Mikhail Shmakov, President of PERC, addresses Congress

Continuation of the discussion on Pillar II and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto (if necessary)
Vote on Pillar II

Intervention by the President of the workers’ group of the European Economic and Social Committee, George Dassis

Statement by the President on election procedure
Introduction of candidates to the positions of General Secretary, Deputy General Secretaries and Confederal Secretaries

Pillar III: A core of ambitious social standards
Veronica Nilsson, Confederal Secretary, introduces Pillar III of the ETUC programme 2015-2019 and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto

General discussion on Pillar III and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto

Intervention by Mary Robinson, Chair of the Board of Trustees Mary Robinson Foundation Climate Justice

13.00-14.30 Lunch break
Vote on the new President, the new Secretariat and the auditors takes place during lunch break
ETUI fringe meeting on climate change
14.30-18.00 **Panel 3: Fighting social dumping**

Discussion including *Kjell Skjarvo, EFBWW representative, Sabine Trier, ETF Deputy General Secretary, Bart Vannetelbosch, EFFAT representative, Philippe Martinez, General Secretary of CGT, Lizette Risgaard, Vice-President of LO-Denmark, Karl-Petter Thorwaldsson, President of LO-Sweden, Mladen Novosel, President of SSSH-UATUC (Croatia)*

Moderator: *Quentin Dickinson, Director of European Affairs at Radio France, Correspondent in Brussels*

General discussion on Pillar III and relevant paragraphs of the Manifesto
(continued)

Vote on Pillar III

Adoption of the Programme (vote)

Intervention by *Sharan Burrow, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation*, on trade union power

Emergency motions

20.00 Social evening organised by the French confederations (Paris Town Hall)

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**Day 4 – Friday 2 October 2015**

9.00-12.30 Election results

**Panel 4: The role of the ETUC**

Introduction by the newly elected General Secretary and discussion including trade union leaders: *Frances O’Grady, General Secretary of TUC, Laurent Berger, General Secretary of CFDT, Patricia King, General Secretary of ICTU, Jens Kragh, Director of FTF, Erich Foglar, President of ÖGB, Plamen Dimitrov, President of CITUB, Salvatore Marra, President of Youth Committee and Françoise Geng, Vice-President of EPSU.*

Endorsement of the relevant document as a basis for an action plan.

Presentation and vote on the Paris Manifesto by the newly elected General Secretary

Newly elected President addresses Congress
Outgoing General Secretary addresses congress
Outgoing President closes Congress.

[End of the 13th ETUC Congress – Musical farewell]

12.30 Meeting of the Executive Committee to elect the new Steering Committee and the Vice-presidents

13.00 Press conference