

Liina Carr

Born in Paide, Estonia, 1968

Liina Carr was elected as ETUC Confederal Secretary at the Paris Congress in 2015. She studied law in Estonia and in England and has worked in academia, private and NGO sectors.

Her current responsibilities in the ETUC include international trade, mobility and posting of workers, migration, the EU structural funds, implementation of UN Agenda 2030 and development cooperation policies. She has been a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) since 2004.

Liina worked in the private sector in Estonia and Britain, and studied law at Tallinn College of Economics, before going on to secure a first class honours degree in law at the University of Kent in the UK, in 1999. She stayed in England as a university teaching assistant, and then in the management accounts department of a National Health Service trust.

In 2002, she returned to Estonia and was appointed as European integration and training coordinator in the Confederation of Estonian Trade Unions (EAKL). She was the Confederation of Estonian Trade Unions' international secretary from 2004 to 2015.

Work experience

2015 -

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Confederal Secretary

2004 - 2015

Confederation of Estonian Trade Unions (EAKL), International Secretary

2002-2004

Confederation of Estonian Trade Unions (EAKL), European Integration and Training Coordinator

2002

Introcom International, Personal Assistant to the President

2001-2002

NHS East Kent Trust, Management Accounts Assistant

1999-2001

University of Kent at Canterbury, Teaching Assistant

1987-1997

Worked in a number of private companies in various positions in Estonia and in England

Other experience

2004-2006

Academy Nord, Lecturer in Legal theory and methodology at Masters' degree level

2004-2015

European Economic and Social Committee

Former Vice-President of the Workers' Group, co-chair of the European Economic Area Consultative Committee, member of the Single Market Observatory.

Rapporteur in 2009 on Transatlantic Relations: "How to improve the participation of civil society" and in 2010 on Iceland as a candidate country.

Education

2002-2004

University Nord (Estonia), Masters (MPhil) in European Law and Institutions

1996-1999

University of Kent at Canterbury, LLB First Class honours degree in Law

1990-1993

Tallinn College of Economics (Estonia), Diploma in Law (with distinction)

Languages

Estonian: mother tongue

English: fluent

Russian: good understanding

Italian: basic