

Liina Carr

Born in Estonia, 1968

Liina Carr was re-elected as ETUC Confederal Secretary at the Vienna Congress in 2019. Since 2002 she has been an active trade unionist at national, regional, European and international level. During Estonia's accession to the European Union, she was part of the trade union team that worked with the Estonian government to implement EU social and labour legislation in preparation for membership.

Her responsibilities include macroeconomic policy, economic governance and the European Semester, the European Pillar of Social Rights, social protection, external relations, implementation of UN Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in the EU and development cooperation, as well as human resources.

Liina was a member of the European Economic and Social Committee from 2004 to 2019, as a Vice-President of the Workers' Group, co-chair of the European Economic Area Consultative Committee, member of the Single Market Observatory and member of the Europe 2020 and other committees.

As ETUC Confederal Secretary from 2015-2019 she handled a wide range of issues including international trade, mobility, posting of workers and the European Labour Authority, migration, social protection, implementation of UN Agenda 2030 and development cooperation policies.

Her activities in these areas included

- intensive lobbying on the EU-Canada trade agreement (CETA) ensuring the replacement of the Investor-state dispute settlement mechanism by the Investment Court System and securing rejection of market economy status for China.
- negotiating 'A European Partnership for Integration - Offering Opportunities for Refugees to Integrate into European Labour Market' with the European Commission, BusinessEurope, SMEunited, CEEP and EuroChambres.
- revision of the posting of workers directive, obtaining a significant number of improvements to the Commission's proposal in order to ensure the principle of equal pay for equal work. Liina worked with the

European Parliament, Commission, Member States and affiliates to include trade union demands in the draft regulation on the European Labour Authority.

- Supporting the European implementation of the UN Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, through the Semester process and other EU policies. Liina worked to put the Decent Work Agenda (DWA) and social dialogue at the core of EU development policy and urged effective financing for EU development cooperation in the new Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.

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

Private companies in Estonia and in England, various positions

Other experience

2004 – 2019

European Economic and Social Committee

Member of the EESC participating in many study groups, joint committees and sections.

2004-2006: Academy Nord, Lecturer in Legal theory and methodology at Masters' degree level
1999-2001:

University of Kent at Canterbury, teaching assistants' representative

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