German Teachers: Pay negotiations concluded but teachers’ problems still not solved

In the fourth round of pay negotiations an agreement on future pay increases was finally achieved. The German public sector unions, among them ETUCE member GEW, and the German federal states (Bundesländer) as the employers of 900,000 employees including 200,000 teachers and about 200,000 higher education teachers and researchers agreed on an increase of 2.1% starting from March 2015. >>>

Save the Maternity Leave now!

The Maternity Leave Directive is in danger of being withdrawn from the European Parliament as part of its bureaucracy reduction plan (REFIT). The REFIT (Regulatory Fitness and Performance: Results and Next Steps) plan uses the justification to reduce "the regulatory burdens" and "make administrative processes easier" to cut down social right legislations. >>>

Essential to safeguard public quality education in the framework of TTIP states CULT opinion adopted today

The European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (CULT) adopted its recommendations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations on 16 April 2015. The CULT opinion stresses the need to clearly protect public quality education in the framework of the TTIP negotiations. >>>

Irish teachers want their full pay back

Irish Teacher Unions call for the abolition of the additional 33 hours per year they have to work as well as the abolition of the public service pension levy put in place in 2009 and which represented the first reduction in earnings of public service staff since the economic crisis started. >>>

Polish teachers: More investment is needed to improve vocational education and apprenticeship

On 9 April 2015, "Gdynia Education Solidarność", Gdynia municipality and local authorities organised a regional conference on "Good quality of vocational education as a path to success". About 100 VET teachers and trainers of the county, educational employers, companies and regional policy makers attended the event. >>>

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