2016 Spring Meeting of the ETUCE Committee
On 11-12 April 2016, the members of the ETUCE Committee assembled in Brussels for their spring meeting. The main topic on the agenda was the ETUCE Conference which is to be held in December 2016 in Belgrade, Serbia.

Education as a tool for the economic integration of migrants
This report, published on 31 March 2016, focuses on the role of education in supporting the economic integration of migrants. The report compares the educational attainment of first and second generation immigrants with native students in Europe.

Spain: ETUCE brings together Spanish education social partners in Madrid
On 5 April 2016, the joint European social partnership project on social dialogue capacity building brought together ETUCE’s Spanish member organisations with representatives from the Spanish education Ministry as well as from several education employers’ organisations. The round table meeting with its balanced participant structure was held in good atmosphere and proved efficient. Both ETUCE and EFEE were satisfied with the results of this first joint meeting in Spain.

Gender Equality in the Teaching Profession through Social Dialogue
From 9 to 11 March 2016, 25 delegates from teacher unions from all over Europe met under the umbrella of ETUCE and ETUI (the European Trade Union Institute) for a joint training seminar in Malta to learn about how to promote gender equality through social dialogue in the teaching profession.

President of the Bulgarian Education Trade Union receives highest civilian award
Yanka Takeva, President of SEB, one of ETUCE member organisations in Bulgaria, has been awarded the highest awarding medal of the Republic of Bulgaria for a civilian: “Stara Planina 1st Grade” by the President of Bulgaria, Rosen Plevneliev on 7 April 2016. Mrs Takeva is also the first women in the country to receive this distinction.

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