Latvia: A strike not only about money but also Government’s attitude

On 27 November 2015, the Latvian Trade Union of Education and Science (LIZDA) organised a one day strike. About 25,000 people took part in this well-organised demonstration. According to LIZDA, the action was not a strike pointing out to money issues. Moreover, it was also about the Government’s attitude.

Italy: no good prospects for university

On 28 November 2015, a big demonstration took place in Rome. The Italian trade unions, CGIL, CISL and UIL, decided to organise this protest after the Government had presented the draft financial budget law for 2016. Despite many suggestions and proposals for changes, the Government chose to ignore the social partners and the other organizations requiring more rights for public sector workers.

Social Partners preventing Stress in Education – First Training Seminar

ETUCE has organised the first training seminar in Madrid of the project ‘Social Partners promoting Decent Workplaces in the Education Sector for a Healthier Working Life’. The project objectives are to prevent work-related stress in the education sector and to promote joint social partner guidelines at national, regional and local level aiming to prepare the ground of a joint declaration with ETUCE and EFEE (European Federation of Education Employer) on this topic.

8th Congress of the Trade Union of Education and Science Workers of Ukraine: outcomes and priorities for the future

On 17 November 2015 the 8th Congress of the Trade Union of Education and Science Workers of Ukraine took place in Kyiv. The Congress evaluated activities for the last five years and outlined future priorities. A number of official guests attended the Congress, including ETUCE European Director Martin Rømer, President of the Trade Union of Bulgarian Teachers Yanka Takeva, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Pavlo Kndzey, Member of the Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Subcommittee on Education Taree Kremin, the ILO National Coordinator in Ukraine Serhiy Savchuk.

Investing in Education is investing in people: priorities in the Annual Growth Survey 2016

On 27 November, the annual cycle of economic governance coordination - the European Semester - was kicked off with the publication of the Annual Growth Survey 2016. The Annual Growth Survey (AGS) is a Communication from the European Commission setting priorities for Member states for the forthcoming year, also with a view of reforming their national education and training systems.