European education employer organisations and trade unions adopt a Joint Statement on improving Vocational Education and Training in Europe

Today, the European Social Partners in Education, EFEE (European Federation of Education Employers) and ETUCE (European Trade Union Committee for Education) adopted a Joint Statement on improving Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Europe. The Statement, adopted by the European Sectoral Social Dialogue in Education (ESSDE) Plenary, commits the Social Partners in Education to contribute to improving the attractiveness and image of VET.

ETUCE represents teachers’ voice at European Parliament hearing on Turkey

Today on 22 November 2017, the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament organises a public hearing in Brussels, together with the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), EFEE (European Federation of Education Employers), ETUCE (European Trade Union Committee for Education), and four unions: KESK General Secretory (Confederation of Public Employees’ Trade Unions), Remzi Caliskan, President of Genel-is (Public Services Employees Union of Disk) and Annie van Wezel, Senior policy adviser international affairs at the FNV (Dutch TUC), co-chair of EU-Turkey Joint Consultative Committee of the EESC.

Teachers’ Professional Needs in Social Dialogue: ETUCE regional seminar in Warsaw

Education trade unions should be involved in the design and implementation of the initial and continuous teacher training, concluded the participants of the first regional seminar of the ETUCE project “Education Trade Unions for the Teaching Profession. Strengthening the capacity of education trade unions to represent teachers’ professional needs in social dialogue”. The seminar took place in Warsaw, Poland, on 27-28 November 2017 and was organised with the support of ZNP, one of the Polish education trade unions, as a project partner.

European and Italian social partners reassert the need to relaunch social dialogue to effectively support education personnel

On 14 November 2017, in the framework of the European Sectoral Social Dialogue in Education (ESSDE), Capacity Building Project III, ETUCE and EFEE gathered with Italian social partners in education at the occasion of the fourth round table of the project. This meeting, held in Rome, Italy, brought together delegations of Italian education trade unions (UIL, Scuola, partner to the project, CISL, Scuola, FL-CGI) and employers’ organisations (ANISSE, ENAP FORMA) representatives.

Portugal: Joint commitment of education trade unions and government to defreeze the teaching service time for better progression

Following the national strike of 15 November 2017 and negotiations on 17 November 2017 with the Ministry of Education of Portugal who was represented by Alexandra Leitão, the State Secretary, ETUCE member organisations in Portugal, Federaçao Nacional dos Professores (FENPROF) and Federação Nacional dos Sindicatos da Educação (FNE), have recently signed a declaration committing education authorities and education trade unions to set the basis and framework to negotiate the defreeze of the teaching career progression and harmonise education personnel’s working time.

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