Moldova: Opening of negotiations on teachers’ salaries

On 17 January 2017, the Education and Science Trade Union of Moldova (ESTUFM) together with ETUCE’s call on the Moldovan Government to support ESTUFM’s demands, achieved the relaunch of negotiations. The ETUCE member organisation had gathered hundreds of people in a picketing action in Chisinau. The demonstrators expressed their dissatisfaction with poor working conditions and demanded the Moldovan Government to increase salaries of scientific researchers and other non-teaching staff at all education levels to the national minimum wage and to raise school and university teachers’ salaries by 50%.

Sweden implements fast track training schemes for migrant teachers and preschool teachers

Eurydice has recently published an article reporting on good practices in Sweden regarding the integration of migrants into the Swedish labour market. Since Autumn 2016, five Swedish universities have started offering a new course for newly-arrived teachers and preschool teachers. The Swedish government launched this initiative to help new migrants with professional qualifications from their home countries integrate into the labour market in their host country, and obtain jobs in sectors where there is currently a shortage of workers.

Investing in education: ETUCE Training Seminar on the European Semester in Ljubljana

On 16-17 January, the fourth and last training seminar of the project ‘Investing in Education: Strengthening the involvement of teacher trade unions in the European Semester on education and training’ was carried out. Organised with the support of the ETUCE project partner in Slovenia, ESTUS, the Education and Science Trade Union of Slovenia and DLF, the Danish Union of Teachers, the Seminar gathered representatives from ETUCE member organisations in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Montenegro, Serbia, Romania, Slovenia and the UK in Ljubljana, Slovenia, to discuss economic governance coordination mechanisms (European Semester) on education and training in Europe.

Albania: Achievements in the field of social dialogue

On 19 December 2016, ETUCE member organisations in Albania, the Trade Union Federation of Education and Science of Albania (FSASH) and Independent Trade Union of Education of Albania (SPASH-TUEA), met at the negotiating table with the Albanian Minister of Education and Sports, Ms Lindita Nikolla. Prior to the meeting, the unions had jointly organised a protest action in front of the Ministry of Education and Sports on 16 December 2016. The protest actions gathered hundreds of teachers and education personnel.

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