Promoting Decent Workplaces in the Education Sector – Closing Conference
On 09-10 June 2016, the European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) and the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE) gathered more than 70 participants in Bucharest, Romania for their closing conference of the joint project “Social Partners Promoting Decent Workplaces in the Education Sector for a Healthier Working Life”.

Teacher unions ask further consultation on the New Skills Agenda for Europe
Today, the European Commission published its Communication to the European Union institutions entitled A NEW SKILLS AGENDA FOR EUROPE: Working together to strengthen human capital, employability and competitiveness. In our previous position sent to the Commission we underlined the importance of teachers and social dialogue with the teacher trade unions on improving skills provision.

ETUCE kicks off new series of interviews with European social dialogue delegates
More transparency and improved communication shall increase ETUCE member organisations’ awareness of the structure, conduct and content of the European sectoral social dialogue in education (ESSDE). As announced a few weeks ago, ETUCE is working on an updated website presentation to facilitate the general understanding of the ESSDE and the social dialogue issues at stake.

Estonia: ETUCE and EFEE brings together Estonian social partners to strengthen social dialogue
On 1 June 2016, ETUCE and EFEE, in the framework of their joint project on social dialogue capacity building, gathered around the table Estonian education social partners. ETUCE’s member organization, EEPU, discussed the need to develop and strengthen social dialogue with representatives from the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research, Ms Maie Kitsing, the Association of municipalities of Estonia, Mr Ott Kasuri, the Head Vocational Education Department, Ms Helen Pollo, and the Deputy Head of adult education Department, Ms Kulli All.

Country Specific Recommendations 2016: one step forward, two steps back
On 18 May 2016 the European Commission published the new proposal for Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) for the EU Member States. The European Council will discuss and adopt the CSRs during its meeting on 28-29 June. The CSRs, being part of the European Semester cycle, among other things, provided individual recommendations also on education and training for every Member State, with the notable exception of Cyprus, Italy, Luxembourg and Sweden.

More news is available on our website: csee-etuce.org

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