ETUCE successful in supporting higher education and research staff

An ETUCE delegation led by Susan Flocken, European Director participated in the Paris Ministerial Meeting on 23-25 May where ministers for education from 48 European countries celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Magna Charta Universitatum and the 20th anniversary of the Bologna Process. The Magna Charta Universitatum is a document that was signed by 388 rectors and heads of universities from across Europe and beyond in 1988, the 900th anniversary of the University of Bologna. It contains principles of academic freedom and institutional autonomy as a guideline for good governance and self-understanding of universities in the future.

Country Specific Recommendations 2018: yet another missed opportunity for equitable and quality education for all

On 23 May 2018, The European Commission published its Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) which are part of the Spring package of the 2018 cycle of the European Semester. Addressed to the governments of each European Member State, the CSRs are the culmination point of the European Semester, as they express the voice of the European Commission regarding its assessment of Member States’ need for reform in order to ensure stability and growth and to reach the Europe 2020 strategy targets.

Social partners promoting effective integration of migrants and refugees in education: 1st case study in Spain

On 16 and 17 May 2018, the first case study for the identification of challenges, concrete ways and joint social partners’ initiatives to effectively integrate migrants and refugees in education took place in Madrid, Spain, organised with the support of the ETUCE member organisation FeSP-UGT, partner to the project “European Sectoral Social Partners in Education promoting effective integration of migrants and refugees in education”. The study delegation, including ETUCE and EFEE representatives, the research expert accompanying the project as well as a video-maker and one representative from the project advisory group in Denmark (DLF) had the opportunity to learn more about good practices and challenges in the Spanish education system with regards to policies on inclusion and integration.

Round table of the social partners in Luxembourg: how to make the teaching profession more attractive?
On 3 May 2018, European and Luxembourgish social partners came together to discuss how the social partners could contribute to make the teaching profession more attractive during the seventh round table meeting of the European sectoral social dialogue in education (ESSDE) Capacity building project III. ETUCE and EFEE were hosted by project partner and ETUCE member organisation SNE/CGFP. They were joined by the Luxembourgish Minister of Education, Childhood and Youth, Mr Claude Meisch, representatives of Fédération des Universitaires au Service de l'Etat (FEDUSE) and representatives of the Belgian social partners members of EFEE and ETUCE, namely from the Katholiek Onderwijs Vlaanderen and ACOD-Onderwijs.

Denmark: Voting ballots on new agreements for a three year period

By the end of April 2018, new agreements for a three year period for all 745,000 public employees in Denmark have been reached. The agreements are to be sent out for ballots within the trade unions - and the results are to be released on 6 June 2018. If the majority within a trade union vote against the agreement, strike and lockout may be effective as at 11 June 2018.

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