COMING UP SOON
Supporting teachers in the European Education Area 2025: The role of education trade unions in meeting teachers’ professional needs
ETUCE organizes a public event on 19 September in Brussels, Belgium, from 9.00 – 13.00 in the premises of the International Trade Union House, The International Auditorium (1st floor), Boulevard Roi Albert II 5, 1210, Brussels. Educators in Europe are faced with challenges for the present and for the future, both at European and national level, in relation to changes in the labour market, teaching profession, and social dialogue. The public hearing aims to contribute to discussions on improving teaching and supporting teachers in the European Education Area 2025.

Social partners discussed the way out from gender segregation in education, training and employment
ETUCE members from France, Italy, Germany, UK, Cyprus, and Belgium, actively contributed to the discussions on gender segregation in education and teaching profession at the learning seminar ‘Finding the way out from segregation in education, training and employment: Fostering gender equality and the role of social partners’, organised on 3 July in Brussels by social partners and European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).

EU CONVINUE project: Joint Statement on Education for Democratic Citizenship & EU Common Values
ETUCE, in partnership with EFEE (EU Federation of Education Employers) and ESHA (EU school heads association), is leading an EU-funded project on democratic citizenship and EU common values named “EU CONVINUE”. In parallel to the online survey, aimed at gathering and analysing main challenges and good practices on how to deal with Citizenship related issues, the project partners have now released a joint statement on Education for Democratic Citizenship; a joint initiative on promoting inclusive education and EU shared values.

Latvia: Successful negotiations
The negotiations between the Latvian government officials and ETUCE member organisation, LIZDA, at the Parliament Coalition Cooperation Board on 28 August 2018, have led to a consensus on the trade union demands to raise education personnel’s salary. Feeling the pressure from LIZDA and in light of the forthcoming parliamentary elections, the
government officials agreed to find funding in order to raise the minimum education personnel’s salary equivalent to 710 Euros by September 2018.

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Cyprus: Collective mobilisation outside the Presidential Palace

Today on 28 August 2018, OELMEK, POED and OLTEK, ETUCE member organisations in Cyprus, intend to express their principled position against the decision unilaterally taken by the Cypriot government once again. In mid-July 2018, the Cypriot education trade unions went on strike to express their disapproval over the government’s proposals which are to come into effect on 1 September 2018 without consulting the education trade unions.

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Serbia: Protest action for better negotiation position for teachers’ salary

Today teachers and education trade unions in Serbia are demonstrating for decent salaries and comprehensive social dialogue in education in front of the buildings of the Ministry of Education, the Serbian government and the Ministry of State and Local Administration. The unions report that the positions of the Law on Salaries in the public sector, which are to come into effect at the beginning of 2019, rank salaries for education personnel in the eighth salary group, when the salary for other public sector employees with similar levels of qualifications is to be allocated under the ninth salary group.

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