

Invitation to an ETUI Education course

5 June 2018

To all organisations affiliated to the ETUC

Dear Colleagues,

To prevent wage and social dumping in Europe, wage convergence and coordination is necessary. How can trade unions promote wage policies leading to less competition between the national economies of the EU? Along with coordinated collective bargaining, minimum / living wages can play an important role.

For more united wage policies, the different types of minimum and living wages as well as the idea of an EU minimum or living wage should be debated.

The education department of **ETUI**, in cooperation with the **Trade Union Congress (TUC)** and with the **Czech Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions (CMK OS)**, organises a course on “**Wage coordination in the EU: a case for decent wages**” to be held from 29- 31 August 2018 in Glasgow, UK.

Aims

- To identify the need for TU wage coordination in the EU;
- To map minimum wage setting mechanisms across the EU and analyze their role;
- To discuss the idea of an EU minimum or living wage.
- To relate to the ETUC resolution on a common strategy on low and minimum wages
- To develop ideas on how to move to decent wages in the EU

Working languages

Active languages: **English and Czech. According to participants registrations a third language can be added**

Programme

The attached draft programme will give you an overview of the course.

Venue

Glasgow, UK

Participants

- Trade union officers and representatives dealing with wage bargaining;
- Trade unionists dealing with European policies.



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Arrival and departure

Participants are expected to arrive on the **28nd August before 18 PM** for the dinner and particularly a ceremony for the 150 years of the TUC and to leave on **31st August after the seminar.**

Early departures are not admitted.

How are enrolments processed?

A maximum of 20 participants can be accepted.

The final confirmation of the participants will be done by the team of trainers bearing in mind the requirements for the target group.

Participants' registration

Please fill in a copy of the enclosed form for each participant and return it to the ETUI Education Secretariat (Elisa Santaniello, esantaniello@etui.org) **by the 13 of July 2018.**

Participants who are not selected will be put on a waiting list.

Payment of registration

Participation fees vary depending on which group your country is from. (See tables on last page).

Participation fees for this course are:

- For group I: 180€ (3days @ 60€)
- For group II: 72€ (3 days @24€)
- For group III: 45€ (3 days @15€)

An invoice will be sent to the organisation upon confirmation of the enrolment. We kindly ask you to pay this invoice before the start of the course.

Please note that in case of cancellation of participation 5 working days before the beginning of the course, no refund shall be granted (the total amount of respectively 180€, 72€ or 45€ will be invoiced).

It is **essential** that you mention in your payment order the number of the invoice and customer reference number.

Reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs

Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by ETUI Education, only for participants coming from member states of the European Union, Albania, the FYROM, Serbia, Montenegro and Turkey. Travel costs will be reimbursed based on the most economic fare available (economy class) in accordance with European Commission regulations. **Taxis will not be reimbursed.**

Additional information

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the ETUI Education Secretariat, Elisa Santaniello, esantaniello@etui.org.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosed: Registration form

Groupe I: 100% of participation fees or 60€/day	Group II: 40% of participation fees or 24€/day
Andorra	Croatia
Austria	Czech Republic
Belgium	Estonia
Cyprus	Hungary
Denmark	Latvia
Finland	Lithuania
France	Poland
Germany	Portugal
Iceland	Slovak Republic
Ireland	Slovenia
Italy	
Liechtenstein	Group III: 25% of participation fees or 15€/day
Luxembourg	Albania
Malta	Bulgaria
Monaco	FYROM
Norway	Greece
San Marino	Montenegro
Spain	Romania
Sweden	Serbia
Switzerland	Turkey
The Netherlands	
United Kingdom	