Pedagogical Committee
27 February 2019

Welcome word by Vera dos Santos Costa and overview of the agenda. The work programme 2019-2020 has been approved. She gives the floor to Philippe Pochet.

ETUI Work Programme 2019-2020: presentation by Philippe

ETUC Congress; 2nd preparatory meeting held this 27 Feb. and Congress being held one week before the EU-elections; quite some tension between TU organisations. There is also the reduction of one Confederal Secretary and problem remains in loosing members at ETUC-level.

ETUI gets the overall support from members of the General Assembly as to the new work programme. Good comments on Educ. Dep. There is the request (from Steering Committee) to continue working on platform workers, artificial intelligence. ETUI can offer an inclusive package of Research and Training.

What's new in the programme? Research and Education are fully integrated in the five priorities and the cooperation between the two departments continues to grow. Some key challenges:

I. Democracy: elections: fear for populism & right-wing / extreme right
II. Climate change; agreement and consensus between industriAll and TCO, youth demonstrations in Brussels, invitation of Greta Thunberg to the Congress, Laurent Berger (CFDT) becomes ETUC-president, he has good experience as to environment
III. Strategic thinking of the TU movement; decline of members, reality cannot be ignored, time to think about the future, time to rethink ETUI, change is needed, the traditional programme of strategy & priorities to renew and establish a programme that reflects the integration of Research & Education

Budget; OK by the Commission for 85%. If a dramatic Brexit, no guarantee for the 85%. Anyway Brexit will imply a new financial regulation.

ETUI Education Department priorities 2019-2020: highlights

Ilaria: good news for ETC-course, accreditation will continue. Online activities; continuation of work & development, new online registration system on its way with online payment. Trade union renewal; new item; potential facilitators. Strategic foresight, objective is a toolkit / manual for TU-leaders.

Bruno: EWC course on financial analysis was a big success. EWC online-courses continue. For ‘19-’20, there is a high demand for EWC-courses, certainly from ETUFs side. As to material, there’ll be translation of OSH-material.

Andrea: about 40 company courses a year. Demand on training on EWC basics, as well as intercultural communication and OSH. Request for new materials as to digitalisation.

Valerica: continuation of the women leadership course. Also organising/TU renewal/platform workers/training atypical workers/digitalisation and artificial intelligence.

Vera: far-right. Pedagogical workshops with ACTRAV-ILO. ETT1+ETT2 and maybe another level ETT will be developed.

EDU strategy 2020-2023: presentation by Vera

How to proceed to this new strategy? Different phases can be found in the powerpoint presentation. If all phases go well, strategy 2020-2023 will be presented at the EduDays in Vienna (27-29 November). Ideas already exists on how and what the strategy should look like. Priority remains on the face-to-face training and there is the request for blended learning.

Call for Proposal 2020-2021: presentation by Vera

Submission of proposals will be limited. We’ll have a new format of the calendar. The aim is to develop a multi-annual programme. Proposals that fit into the programme of the Education officers.

EduDays: evaluation and future format: presentation by Ilaria

Evaluation was sent for EduDays 2018, 30% of participants replied. Best were accommodation, venue and visit and the interactive sessions. But evaluation should be sent out earlier. Experts were not really appreciated, hardly any interaction with them. Suggestions are; logistics, networking lobby (visit), evaluation to send earlier, interactive sessions as the foresight exercise.
Vera: what do we want for 2019? To keep format à la Vilnius conference? Some suggestions from the pedagogical committee: continuation of ‘innovation’, being interactive is important, to bring new approaches such as foresight scenarios, to bring together once a year the TU-family, strategic thinking; future of education, to tackle question of trade union values, future of work, expectations of young people.

The ETUI pedagogy: presentation of the final document: presentation by Mariannick

Text is based on the proposals made in the last pedagogical committee. Three topics have been chosen, in the most concise possible way: Mission – Approach – Impact.
A short leaflet has been developed; 1st part; Introduction – Mission (priorities, political) – Approach (kind of training) – Impact (checking quality & usefulness of training pathways = main priorities of Education. English terminology!

Renewal of the pedagogical Committee: presentation by Vera

Suggestion to make some changes in the composition of the pedagogical committee, to give the possibility to other organisations to play an active / advice role. No political designations.
The renewal will start the next mandante, after the ETUC Congress.
An invitation, with request for interest of participation, is to be sent to the ETUC affiliated organisations.
Each organisation is entitled to one person, if more than one, a rotation should be planned.
The aim is not to replace the old members but to enlarge and to renew the committee.

Some comments; important to keep the (desired) profile of the pedagogical committee, how about the budget? as increase of persons, not to use the word ‘retired’ members, criteria need to be clear

Calendar and organisation next meeting

Date for the next meeting is 26 September, one full day with arrival day the 25th.

Thank you to all.