

14 November 2012

European Day of Action and Solidarity

Action in Brussels

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) is calling for a European Day of Action and Solidarity on 14 November. The European trade union movement is mobilising - for jobs, solidarity and against austerity.

For years now, European trade unions have denounced austerity measures which are plunging Europe into recession. The ETUC demands a change of direction in favour of a European Social Compact. The remedies administered so far do not work; they destroy our jobs and social heritage.

The ETUC wants a Social Compact for Europe with a genuine social dialogue, an economic policy which promotes quality jobs, economic solidarity between European countries and social justice (See flyer on http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf/Tract_A4_EN.pdf).

In the context of this day of action, two symbolic events will take place in Brussels led by the ETUC and the Belgian trade unions FGTB-ABVV, CSC-ACV and CGSLB-ACLVB.

1. A tour of the embassies by the ETUC, FGTB-ABVV, CSC-ACV and CGSLB-ACLVB trade union leaders from 10:00 to 11:30.
2. A rally at Rond-Point Schuman from 12:00 to 13:00.

Programme for 14 November in Brussels:

Group 1: Tour of the embassies of Cyprus, Portugal and Ireland:

<http://goo.gl/maps/XVFwK>

Composition of the trade union leaders' delegation:

Deputy General Secretary ETUC,
Anne Demelenne, General Secretary FGTB-ABVV,
Claude Rolin, General Secretary CSC-ACV,
Bernard Noël, National Secretary CGSLB-ACLVB

10:00 – 10:30 – Cypriot Embassy

Avenue de Cortenbergh, 61
1000 Brussels

10:30 – 11:00 – Portuguese Embassy

Avenue de Cortenbergh, 12
1040 Brussels

11:00 – 11:30 – Irish Embassy

Chaussée d'Etterbeek, 180

1040 Brussels

Group 2: Tour of the embassies of Spain, Germany and Greece:

<http://goo.gl/maps/XVFWK>

Composition of the trade union leaders' delegation:

Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary ETUC,
Rudy De Leeuw, President FGTB-ABVV,
Marc Leemans, President CSC-ACV,
Jan Vercamst, President CGSLB-ACLVB.

10:00 – 10:30 – Spanish Embassy

Rue de la Science, 19
1040 Brussels

10:30 – 11:00 – German Embassy

Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 8-14
1040 Brussels

11:00 – 11:30 – Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU

Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 21-24
1040 Brussels

A rally will stay in front of each embassy holding a “No to austerity” banner.

The Groups which toured the embassies will then head Rond–Point Schuman for a rally which will start at 12:00.

12:00 – 13:00 – Rally at Rond-Point Schuman, Brussels (Schuman metro)

- 12:00 – Meeting of a delegation of ETUC, FGTB-ABVV, CSC-ACV and CGSLB-ACLVB trade union leaders with José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission.
- There will be a press meeting point will take place at Rond–Point Schuman
- The following trade union leaders have already confirmed their presence:
Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary ETUC,
Rudy De Leeuw, President FGTB-ABVV,
Anne Demelenne, General Secretary FGTB-ABVV,
Marc Leemans, President CSC-ACV,
Claude Rolin, General Secretary CSC-ACV,
Jan Vercamst, President CGSLB-ACLVB.
Bernard Noël, National Secretary CGSLB-ACLVB

Several General Secretaries from European trade union federation, as well as members of Brussels-based representative offices of national trade union confederations, will also be present.

13:00 – Action ends.