



The Paris Conference **FIGHT THE CRISIS**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – May 27

09.00 ***OPENING SESSION***

- Wanja LUNDBY-WEDIN, ETUC President
- Anne HIDALGO, Première adjointe au Maire de Paris
- Jacques DELORS, Notre Europe

10.00 ***FIGHT THE CRISIS – TRADE UNION MOBILISATION***

10.00-10.15	John MONKS, ETUC General Secretary – introduces draft Paris Declaration
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- The need for a New Social Deal in the EU;
- Mobilising workers and public opinion against casino capitalism, excessive top pay and bonuses and unemployment;
- Winning the argument for greater equality, expansionary policies, strong welfare states, effective regulation of financial markets and corporate governance based on responsibility for stakeholders, not just shareholders;
- Winning the fight for equal pay for equal work (against the recent ECJ decisions, for a Social Progress Protocol and a revised Posted Workers Directive)
- Relaunching Social Europe;
- Building support for a society with strong trade union values including the roles of social dialogue, public services, worker participation, and social solidarity;
- Reviewing and reinforcing trade union campaigning.

10.15-11.15	Panel: 1
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Moderator: Peggy HOLLINGER, Financial Times

BARBER Brendan, TUC General Secretary
BONANNI Raffaele, CISL General Secretary
HOSSU Bogdan Iuliu, CARTEL ALFA President
JONGERIUS Agnes, FNV President
SOMMER Michael, DGB President

THIBAULT Bernard, CGT General Secretary

11.15 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 Discussion and debate chaired by Wanja LUNDBY-WEDIN,
President of the ETUC

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.30

- Discussion and debate continues
- Conclusions by John MONKS, ETUC General Secretary
- Approval – Paris Declaration

16.30 Coffee Break

16.45 *THE 'TURN TO THE UNION' CAMPAIGN*

16.45-17.00

- Introduction – Maria Helena ANDRE, Deputy General Secretary
- How to use the crisis to strengthen the European trade unionism
 - Membership – can the crisis become a platform for future growth
 - Building political influence nationally and at European level
 - How can social dialogue help
 - Do we seek allies?
 - What expanded roles can European Industry Federations play
 - How can works councils / comités d'entreprise / European Works Councils be used?
 - Charter on mutual recognition of membership

17.0.18.00 Panel : 2

Moderator: Vivienne RADERMACHER, German TV (ARD-Morgenmagazin)

ARGIRYDES Panikos, SEK/ETUC Youth Committee
CHEREQUE François, CFDT General Secretary
KNUPPERT Marie-Louise, LO-D Intern. Rel. Secretary
ROLIN Claude, CSC General Secretary
SEGOL Bernadette, UNI-Europa, Regional Secretary
ŚNIADEK Janusz, NSZZ Solidarnosc President
Women's Committee Representative

DAY 2 – May 28

9.00 Discussion and debate

10.15 Conclusions – Maria Helena ANDRE, ETUC Deputy General Secretary

10.30 ETUC ORGANISATION AND EFFECTIVENESS

- Introduction by Reiner HOFFMANN, ETUC Deputy General Secretary
 - Strengthening the coordination capacity vis à vis the European institutions and between the different levels of action - a more coherent strategy for the ETUC.
 - A more independent and pro-active ETUC towards the European institutions.
 - A more powerful utilisation of policy instruments: Strengthening social dialogue, tripartite concertation and coordination collective bargaining
 - Effective coordination with the European Industry Federations and the role of national trade union offices.
 - The role of ETUC committees (women's, youth & others) and specific trade union structures (IRTUCs, Eurocadre, FERPA)
 - Objectives and tasks of the ETUC competence centres: ETUI and SDA.
 - The secretariat and internal human resources: advisory capacities and internal competences
 - ETUC financial resources – a stable and fair fee system.
 - EU projects and subsidies – a source of dependency?

10.55 Panel: 3

Moderator: Vivienne RADERMACHER, German TV (ARD-Morgenmagazin)

DE LEEUW Rudy, FGTB President
EPIFANI Guglielmo, CGIL General Secretary
GOERGEN Viviane, ETUC Women's Committee President
MÄENPÄÄ Mikko, STTK President
MAILLY Jean-Claude, FO General Secretary
MÁLEK Zdenek, CMK OS Vice President

11.30 Discussion and debate

12.35 Conclusions – Reiner HOFFMANN, ETUC Deputy General Secretary

12.45 CONCLUSIONS

Wanja LUNDBY-WEDIN, ETUC President
John MONKS, ETUC General Secretary

13:00 END OF THE CONFERENCE