



- TO THE ETUC MEMBER ORGANISATIONS
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ETUC project on the ‘Contribution of the union organisations to the evaluation of the actions conducted and their impact in terms of the European Employment Strategy’

- Survey and announcement of seminars -

Dear Colleagues,

We take pleasure in enclosing for you the form relating to the survey which we are conducting in the framework of the project under reference.

The prime objective of the project consists in cataloguing, analysing and evaluating the actions conducted by the union organisations, including with the employers, in the framework of the implementation of the European Employment Strategy.

It likewise seeks to put into perspective the work carried out at the national level in conjunction with the 2003-2005 Work Programme of the European Social Partners, appended hereto.

It is clear, moreover, that the work will constitute a contribution by the union organisations to the midway evaluation of the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy, with regard to the employment ‘pillar’ (EES).

The project breaks down into **three phases**.

1. **Survey** designed to collect elements making it possible to explore two aspects of the European Employment Strategy:
 - the degree of union participation in the process for the definition, implementation and evaluation of the European Employment Strategy
 - the impact of the European Employment Strategy at the national level, in particular with regard to union activity.

Please note that this survey is being conducted independently of the one conducted by the European social partners with a view to drafting the annual report on the actions of the social partners relating to employment, in the EU Member States.

We should be obliged if you would complete the attached form and return it, **BEFORE 15 JANUARY 2005**, to: abuelens@etuc.org

2. Organisation of **3 decentralised seminars** with the participation of representatives from the Member States and the European Trade Union Federations.

The objective of the seminars is to conduct an in-depth analysis of the trade union experiences at the national level vis-à-vis the implementation of the EES and to complete the collection of data and look for cases of good practice.

The dates and venues for the Seminars, which will have a maximum of 25 participants coming from the respective countries concerned, are as follows:

1st decentralised seminar – RIGA – 1 and 2 February 2005

Countries concerned: Denmark – Sweden – Finland – Belgium – Ireland – Italy – Estonia – Lithuania – Latvia

2nd decentralised seminar – VALETTA – 24 and 25 February 2005

Countries concerned: Portugal – France – United Kingdom – Greece – Malta – Cyprus – Slovakia – Czech Republic

3rd decentralised seminar – BUDAPEST – 7 and 8 March 2005

Countries concerned: Austria – Germany – Luxembourg – Spain – Netherlands – Hungary – Slovenia – Poland

3. **Final conference involving 120 participants in Luxembourg, 19 and 20 April 2005.**

We shall make sure that you receive a letter in due course regarding the various Decentralised Seminars and the final Conference, setting out all the relevant information.

Thank you in advance for your valuable collaboration, without which it would be impossible for us to gather all the information necessary and to complete the project successfully.

Kind regards,

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