

ETUC Youth resolution on the functioning of the Youth Committee

Adopted unanimously by ETUC Youth Committee on 2nd June 2021

For the past 14 months, we have been challenged by the pandemic on all fronts. We have lost our dears, our jobs, our freedoms and our minds.

This crisis forced digitalisation on us with such a force that we could have never imagined. While before we had trouble having informal online calls, now we are able to organise full-scale congresses and discuss important topics online.

ETUC Youth Committee, led by the ETUC Bureau, remained particularly active during the past year, not only maintaining all pre-pandemic commitments but further increasing the number of meetings and opening them to a larger number of participants, organising new participatory activities, mobilising high-level decision-makers and advocating for rights of young workers.

Young workers have been hit particularly hard by the pandemic as it was a group left extremely unprotected by the last crisis. Europeans are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccination reaching also the young generations, however, prospects for young workers remain bleak. The non-standard work, equaling in precarity for young people, has seen a huge rise during the pandemic and the sectors such as tourism and hospitality, where young people are overrepresented will take years to gain their previous strength.

ETUC Youth Committee remains committed to fighting for quality jobs for young people, attracting young people to trade unions and strengthening the position of young people within the trade union structure.

The current mandate of the elected Bureau will come to the end in December 2021. While it is everyone's wish to come back to large-scale face-to-face activities as soon as possible, nothing, including the statutory activities, can be taken for granted.

While the technical challenges of the online vote could be overcome, the online transition between two mandates could halt the active work of the committee.

For this reason, ETUC Youth Bureau proposes to postpone the elections to June 2022, and therefore effectively extend the mandate of the current bureau by 6 months.

By approving this resolution the ETUC Youth Committee gives a mandate to the ETUC Bureau to :

- Carry out their work in their positions until June 2022
- Seek approval for extension of the current mandate from ETUC Executive Committee
- Prepare the by-election for vacant positions in December 2021 in full respect of Internal Rules of Procedure for the ETUC Youth Committee
- Allow candidates elected in a by-election in December 2021 to run for the same position in the election in June 2022 if they are interested

- Include the potential candidate for the next mandate in their online work, in order to make the transition smoother
- Prepare the elections for the new mandate in June 2022 in full respect of Internal Rules of Procedure for the ETUC Youth Committee