ETUC policy against forced labour and human trafficking

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) is committed to fight against forced labour and human trafficking in all its forms, and to promoting decent work and human dignity for all workers.

We believe strong trade unions and a collective agreement are the most effective protection against exploitation.

The ETUC and our affiliates have been successful in advocating for EU legislation and initiatives to fight against forced labour and human trafficking, to ensure the full respect for workers and trade union rights, importantly the right to collective bargaining, in supply and subcontracting chains.

It is therefore of high importance for the ETUC to ensure that there is no forced labour or human trafficking in any parts of our operations or supply chains.

Implementing ETUC policy to prevent forced labour and human trafficking

The ETUC policy against forced labour and human trafficking aims to ensure the absence of forced labour and human trafficking from all aspects of our operations, activities, and purchases, including providers, suppliers, along with promoting transparency, accountability, and respect for trade union rights in all activities and operations.

Establishing a database of ethical service providers

In collaboration with ETUC affiliates, a list of transport, hotels and other event and meeting services suppliers from each country will be compiled and maintained.

Raising awareness and fostering a culture of vigilance

A targeted awareness training program will be launched, together with the ETUI, on the indicators of forced labour and human trafficking, the legal and ethical frameworks, the supply chain risks and the impact on women and young people and the tools and structures available along with example measures that our affiliates have included in their collective agreements.

Monitoring on policy implementation

The ETUC will monitor the implementation of its internal policies against the risks of forced labour and human trafficking.

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