

**INDUSTRIAL REGIONS AND CLIMATE POLICIES: TRADE UNION'S PERSPECTIVES  
FINAL CONFERENCE**

5-6 October 2016 – from 09:00 to 17:30  
Auditorium - ITUH  
5 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brussels

**\*\*With simultaneous interpretation in EN, FR, ES, PL, DE, NL, IT, BG, SE\*\***

**Day 1: Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**9.00-10.30 Project presentation and key conclusions**

- **Political background and main assumptions**, Montserrat Mir, ETUC Confederal Secretary
- **Project methodology**, Andrzej Jakubowski, Syndex
- **Key conclusions**, Benjamin Denis, ETUC advisor and project coordinator

*Open discussion with the audience*

**10.30-11.00 Coffee break**

**11.00-12.30 Panel #1: Innovation and investment to put industrial regions at the forefront of the transition towards a low-carbon economy**

Chairperson: Philip Pearson

- Key lessons learned from case studies in a nutshell, Alain Mestre (Syndex)
- Panel discussion with TU representatives from regions covered by the IRCP project, Achim Vanselow (DGB NRW), Bert De Wel (ACV-CSC), Carlos Martínez (CCOO), Grzegorz Trefon (KADRA), Yancho Petrov (CITUB) and other stakeholders, Thomas Karlsson (SSAB), Andres Avelino Gutierrez Perez (UGT-E), Johannes Meier (CEO, European Climate Foundation) and Jonas Helseth (Bellona)

**12.30-14.00 Lunch break**

**14.00-15.30 Panel #2: Social dialogue and workers' participation pillars of just Transition**

Chairperson: Bert De Wel (ACV)

- Key lessons learned from case studies in a nutshell
- Panel discussion with TU representatives from regions covered by the IRCP project, Ralf Woelk (DGB Region South-West), Veselin Mitov (PODKREPA), Konstantin Pashev (CITUB), Bela Galgoczi (ETUI), José Antonio Iglesias Vázquez (CCOO Asturias), Johan Hall (LO-Sweden) and other stakeholders, Anne-Beth Skrede (LO-Norway), Lene Olsen (Actrav- ILO) and Charlotte Billingham (FEPS)



15.30-16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00-17.30 **High Level Session: Industrial regions and climate policies, addressing challenges and tapping opportunities**

Chairperson: Montserrat Mir, ETUC Confederal Secretary

- **The European workforce and the energy transition**, Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-president of the European Commission
- **Reconciling decarbonisation with just transition, perspectives from the green movement**, Jeremy Wates, EEB General Secretary
- **Trade unions for a European low carbon industry**, Luca Visentini, ETUC General Secretary

17.30-19.00 **Cocktail Reception**

## **Day 2: Thursday, 6th October**

9.30-11.00 **The role of social partners in the transition towards a low-carbon economy at local level**

Chairperson: Rudy De Leeuw, ETUC President

Panel discussion with Alexandre Affre (Business Europe), Juliane Bir (ETUC), Johannes Imminger (CEEP), Peter Faross (UEAPME), Sylain Lefebvre (IndustriAll) and Andreas Scheidt (Verdi) *TBC*

11.00-11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30-12.30 **Final Roundtable with regional TU leaders: Including climate change in TU policy action at subnational level**

Chairperson: Montserrat Mir, ETUC Confederal Secretary

- Gianni Infanti, FGTB Wallone
- Giuseppe Farina, CISL
- Robert Szewczyk, NSZZ Solidarność
- Thierry Dedieu, CFDT
- Bill Adams, TUC
- Felix Jose Garcia Gaona, Gobierno Regional de Asturias

12.30 **General conclusions** Montserrat Mir, ETUC Confederal Secretary

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