



EWC Conference 2019 – Stronger European Works Councils for More Democracy at Work

Date: 11 September 2019 13:00 – 12 September 2019 13:00

Address: International Trade Union House – Auditorium
Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5
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To: EWC coordinators at industriAll, ETF, EFFAT, EPSU, UNI Europa, EFBWW, Eurocadres

CC: Worker Participation and Company Policy Committee Member organisations

Dear colleagues,

The ETUC is pleased to invite EWC members to its annual conference on European Works Councils, to be held on 11 and 12 September 2019 in the International Auditorium, International Trade Union House, Brussels, in the framework of a project co-financed by the European Commission.

The title of the conference is **“Stronger European Works Councils for More Democracy at Work”**.

This conference comes at a very timely and important moment, after the European elections and at the start of a new term for the Parliament. While discussions are ongoing on the priorities for the next European Commission, we need to put the issues of workers’ information, consultation and participation at the centre of the debate in the European institutions.

The objective of the conference is to highlight the need to improve Democracy at Work and to strengthen European Works Councils, so that they can have a real impact on multinational companies’ decision making processes. The conference will also be an important occasion to discuss our demands and priorities for the European Works Councils.

Interpretation will be provided into and from English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Polish.

As in past years, EWCs will be invited via the European Trade Union Federations. We aim for at least 50% participation from EWCs.

As in previous years, places will be divided between ETUC affiliates and industry federations on the following basis:

industriAll:	45	EPSU:	15
ETUC:	20	EFBWW:	15
UNI Europa:	15	ETF:	15
EFFAT:	15	Eurocadres:	5

European Commission funding will be used to refund travel expenses of participants to a maximum amount of 380 euros. Hotel accommodation will be reimbursed up to 140 euros for the night of 11 September. Participants should book their own accommodation and pay for it themselves, **after they have received from us the confirmation of their participation**. Rooms will be blocked at a nearby hotel at a fixed price, further information to follow. Accommodation and travel costs will be refunded after the event upon receipt of an invoice.

The draft agenda and details of travel guidelines, hotel, etc. will be sent in due course. Meanwhile, participants can pre-register [via this link](#).

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We look forward to seeing you in September in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

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