

ETUC EUROPEAN WORKS COUNCIL CONFERENCE 2022

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About The Event

Every year the ETUC invites hundreds of EWC members from all over Europe to Brussels. The Conference is a key moment of exchange - between trade unionists, workers' representatives and politicians.

- Date** : 08 - 09 September
- Day 1** : 13.00 - 17.00h
@ European Parliament (JAN 4Q2)
- Day 2** : 9.00 - 12.30h
@ International Trade Union House

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13.00 Welcome address by **Isabelle Schömann**, ETUC Confederal Secretary

13.15 Welcome speech **Iratxe García Pérez**, President of the S&D Group

PANEL #1

13.30 **The European Parliament's legislative initiative report on the revision of the EWC Directive – What's in there?**

MODERATION

Aline Hoffmann, ETUI

SPEAKERS

- **Dennis Radtke**, MEP EPP
- **Gabriele Bischoff**, MEP S&D
- **Eugenia Rodríguez Palop**, MEP The Left
- **Mounir Satouri**, MEP The Greens
- **Atidzhe Alieva-Veli**, MEP Renew

Interventions from several EWC members & trade union experts

15.00 Coffee break ☕

PANEL #2

15.30 **Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence: Bringing back workers into the Commission's proposal**

MODERATION

Stefan Clauwaert, ETUC

SPEAKERS

- **Lara Wolters**, MEP S&D
- **Manon Aubry**, The Left
- **Antje Gerstein**, EESC rapporteur
- **Isabelle Schömann**, ETUC Confederal Secretary

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17.00 End of the first day



Day 2

International Trade Union House



09.00 **Empowering European Works Councils in challenging times**
by Isabelle Schömann, ETUC Confederal Secretary

WORKSHOP SESSION #1

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09.20 **A Handy Guide for
Litigation Strategies**

- Romek Jagodzinski, Labour Sural
- Sjef Stoop, SBI Formaat

WORKSHOP #2

**EWC Coordination -
The devil's advocate**

- Eckhard Voss, WMP
- Fabrice Warneck, Syndex

10.40 Coffee break 

WORKSHOP SESSION #2

WORKSHOP #3

11.10 **Corporate Sustainability
Reporting & Due Diligence:
Opportunities & challenges
for EWCs**

- Sigurt Vitols, ETUI

WORKSHOP #4

**Friends in high places -
How EWCs can use the added
value of Board-level
representatives**

- Sara Lafuente Hernández, ETUI
- Aline Hoffmann, ETUI

12.30 End of the Conference - Light lunch



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That's why we are joining together to urge the EU to make the involvement of trade unions in companies' due diligence responsibilities a mandatory requirement - backed up with effective remedies for workers and unions if rights are denied.



Sign our petition and join in to help us turn the draft EU Directive into an effective piece of legislation.