



Draft minutes of the EPSU-ETUI seminar

Sesimbra, 16-18 September 2013

The fifth meeting of the EPSU youth network had the participation of representatives from Sweden, Belarus, Romania, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Spain, Finland, Portugal, Hungary and Lithuania.

Presentations of the work of young workers and their organisations was made by Finnish and Italian representatives.

Kurt Vandaele, researcher from the ETUI, presented his survey about 'Young workers and their representation in the trade union's that will have as an objective to study the perception of young trade unionists of the trade union structures . The participants filled the survey and the entire network will received the same survey that will be the basis for further discussions and debates in the wider European trade about trade union about renewal.

Several presentations about the European Union youth employment policy, the Youth Guarantee and the framework of actions on youth employment (Toolkit for promotion and dissemination) were made.

Second day of the event dealt with a presentation of EPSU congress and the issues that the Congress document will discuss on youth employment. Participants debated about the possibility of the network to draft their own resolution.

Sandra Vermuyten, PSI youth officer, made a presentation about the priorities of PSI on young workers after the PSI congress in Durban.

Issues identified in the workshops to continue the work of the network were:

- Young workers in the public sector are on the decrease. What are our proposals?
- Young workers as a problem in the 'grown up' organisations. How do the trade union deal with young representatives and their own younger staff members?
- The need of structure for younger workers in the union.
- Is there the same trade union culture for older or younger workers?

The network meeting worked on a draft resolution on youth employment, young workers and public services. This draft resolution will be circulated for comments to the entire network [during 2 weeks] and then the different members of the network take the responsibility to talk to their organisations to take it up to congress since the network has no mandate to do so.

Concrete proposals to be discussed in further meetings:

Youth employment/precariousness workshop in the collective conference 10% will be members of the network a target for the network.

Try to activate the Facebook group to do a 'Precarious watch in the public sector'.

Survey to EPSU on the issues of the standing committees and Executive Committee regarding young workers.

In a coming meeting it will be elected a steering group for the survey and the network.

Discuss further a common European Day of action with other European Federations and the ETUC youth Committee to create a common identity of young European trade unionists.

The network commits itself to use the 1000 workplaces campaign as a dry run to this future day of action.