

EPSU General Circular N°11 (2007)

To: All affiliated unions

cc: Executive Committee, Gender Equality and
Standing Committee members

Ref.: CFP/DG/ETUC Congress 2007

2 August 2007

DOCUMENTS ADOPTED BY THE ETUC CONGRESS
Seville, 21 – 24 May 2007

Dear Colleagues,

The ETUC Congress was attended by 790 delegates from 81 confederations and 12 industry federations. The EPSU delegation list is enclosed.

The documents adopted by the 11th ETUC Congress are:

1. The Seville Manifesto
2. ETUC Charter on Gender Mainstreaming in Trade Unions.
3. ETUC Constitution
4. Activity report
5. Strategy and Action Plan (which includes the adopted statement: On the Offensive on Pay – Towards Equality)

Documents listed 1, 2, 3 and 4 can be found on the ETUC website at <http://www.etuc.org/r/1104> (English) - <http://www.etuc.org/r/1106> (French)

The Strategy and Action Plan (document listed 5) is presently being edited, we will inform you as soon as it is published.

The ETUC plans to go on the offensive on five fronts:

1. For a European labour market
2. For social dialogue, collective bargaining and worker participation
3. For more effective European economic, social and environmental governance
4. For stronger unions and a stronger ETUC.

Congress also saw a high profile debate on public services and the ETUC petition for a European legal framework for public services, with the EPSU President, Anne-Marie Perret, General Secretary, Carola Fischbach-Pyttel and the Chair of the EPSU Standing Committee on Public Utilities, Sven Bergelin, participating in the debate.

Congress elected Wanja Lundby-Wedin, President of LO Sweden, as ETUC President for the next mandate. Wanja is the first woman president of the ETUC.

The General Secretary, John Monks, the Deputy General Secretaries Maria Helena André and Reiner Hoffmann, as well as all Confederal Secretaries, Joël Décaillon, Jozef Niemiec, Catelene Passchier and Walter Ceferda were re-elected.

Congress also voted a number of amendments to the ETUC Constitution, i.a. one amendment which gives 3 titular seats to EPSU on the ETUC Executive Committee.

These EPSU representatives on the ETUC Executive are:

Anne-Marie Perret, President
Carola Fischbach-Pyttel, General Secretary
Tuire Santamäkki-Vuori, Vice President.

The EPSU General Secretary is also a member of the ETUC Steering Committee until June 2009 and as a member of the Steering Committee holds one of the positions of ETUC Vice President until June 2008.

Yours sincerely

Carola Fischbach-Pyttel
General Secretary

Enclosure: EPSU delegation list