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To: all ETUC member organisations

For information to:

- the Members of the Social Policy and Legislation Working Group
- the Members of the Collective Bargaining Committee
- the Members of the ETUC Women's Committee

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

"ETUC working time innovation award"

NB: application deadline 21 October 2005

Dear colleagues,

This autumn, during the UK presidency of the EU, the ETUC, in cooperation with the British TUC, will organise an international conference in search for innovative and sustainable ways of arranging and regulating working time.

The conference wants to bring to the fore the rich variety of good practice examples in various EU Member States, where social partners have been able to develop innovative ways to address the challenges in a way that is beneficial for both workers and companies.

The ETUC will make an ***award for the most innovative way of organising working time through good social partnership***. The purpose is to help identify best practice in all EU Member States and the accession states.

The ETUC calls on **all its affiliate organisations to nominate at least one best practice example per country!**

It is allowed to present more than one case. However, we expect from all affiliates - national federations and industry federations - to make an effort to ensure that at least one case per country is presented.

A 'jury' will be put in place, composed by high-level trade union leaders and independent experts coming from the academic and business world, to judge the cases, according to pre-established criteria. The winning case will be presented during the conference.

Also, after the conference a booklet will be produced in French and English, in which the material for the conference, interviews with key-players in the area of working time, and an overview of the cases will be brought together.

The Award will be made during the ETUC-conference 'Challenging Times', which will take place on 17 and 18 November in London, UK.
The award winning case must be ready to present itself, in a joint presentation by representatives of both sides of industry.

Submissions should be sent to the ETUC by 21 October 2005

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I am calling on all of you to help find the most interesting and innovative cases in your organisation and in your country, and to help them to present their case in the best way possible to us.

Thank you very much in advance,

Kind regards,

Catelene Passchier
Confederal secretary ETUC