

ETUC Executive: Trade union rights, Recovery fund, social dialogue, health and safety, tax policy on the agenda



(14 December 2020) Trade union rights violations are increasing in Europe. The right to strike gets under pressure. The [ETUC Executive expressed](#) its concerns and condemned the recent verdicts of Belgian courts. These seek to restrict unionists from exercising their fundamental right to strike and take collective action. The right is enshrined in international and European conventions and treaties. It gave its full support to the Belgian unions. The EPSU General Secretary participated in a protest action of the [Belgian unions](#) and the [La Ligue des droits humains](#) on 10 December, international human rights day to express the solidarity of EPSU.

Europe's trade union leaders had a full agenda. They adopted positions on:

- [The recovery fund, vaccines and the role of the social partners](#)
- [The Autumn Package](#) (economic policy)

- EU-Mercosur Agreement
- Changes to the [procedures for the Women's Committee](#)
- [The Social Dialogue and contribution to the report of special rapporteur former German Labour Minister Ms. Nahles](#)
- [Position on the review of the policies of the European Central Bank](#)
- [New EU framework on information, consultation and board-level representation on European companies](#)

Discussions took place on:

- Tax policy and tax justice
- Fair labour mobility and migration
- Mid term conference and amendments to the constitution

And we welcomed a new member, the [Croatian confederation Matica](#)

The meeting took place online, 9-10 December 2020. The EPSU President and General Secretary, vice-President Thomas Kattinig and EPSU Deputy General Secretary participated in the meeting.

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