ETUC sets out challenges to deliver strong directive on platform work

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At its Executive Committee meeting in June, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) agreed a resolution setting out progress with the draft directive on improving conditions in digital labour platforms. While the directive goes some way towards meeting key ETUC demands, the Confederation is concerned to ensure that there will a presumption of employment that digital platforms will have to rebut rather than a presumption that will have to be asserted by individual workers. The first draft report in the European Parliament, published in May, supports the ETUC in this but a range of amendments from liberal and conservative MEPs from the Renew and EPP groups threaten to undermine this key aspect of the legislation. The ETUC resolution explains this and the other main elements of the directive, along with the next steps in the legislative process.

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