

## **European Parliament approves report on transnational agreements**

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On 12 September the European Parliament approved a report on transnational agreements. The report acknowledges the role that can be played by both European works councils and European trade union federations (ETUFs) and notes the fact that several ETUFs have already agreed procedures for negotiating transnational agreements. The report by German MEP Thomas Händel of the Left Party backs the idea of a voluntary legal framework for such agreements and this is an issue that the ETUC has been discussing over a number of years and that will be taken up again at its next Collective Bargaining Committee meeting in October.

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