

Invitation : 'EWC case law workshop', edition 2

27th May, Warsaw, Poland

Dear Colleagues,

The Education Department of the European Trade Union Institute invites to the second edition of the specialized workshop:

'EWC access to justice'

Training will be held in Warsaw (Poland), 26th-27th May 2025, in Hotel Ursus Mercure.

Please forward this invitation to the circles involved in EWCs and their strategies.

Objectives

The aim of this training seminar is to explore two areas and design step-by-step approach:

- the EWC conflict escalation steps to take if EWC considers legal pathway
- the selection of EWC rulings and find lessons learned for the EWC practitioners in it.

We are seeking to explore practical necessities of the legal matter with EWC practitioners.

Context and the target group

This workshop is targeted to EWC professionals who would like to update their knowledge with the highlights of EWC jurisprudence, gathered by ETUI so far, as well as gain better grip on over the escalation steps. It is dedicated for EWC coordinators, SC members and chairpersons wanting to know the current state of play on EWC case law, showcasing interesting developments and future question marks. This knowledge also helps in mitigating EWC-related conflicts and, most importantly, support EWC bodies in decision making on opening possible litigation.

The selection of EWC-related rulings will be analysed and discussed at the seminar, followed by the broader discussion on the EWC access to justice and related problems. Access to justice in the context of EWC Directive revision will be especially important in the workshop debates.

EWC members having at least 3 years' experience in the role, or holding an EWC office (select committee, secretary, chair), or trade union EWC coordinators, may be accepted. Preference will be given to those EWCs who had an open litigation recently.

Working languages

The workshop will be held in **English and Polish**. Basic group communication language will be English. There may be 1 other working language added as in active interpretation, depending on the needs of the participants;

Reimbursement

⚠ Please read the attached document "EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION ON UNIT COSTS".

Logistics and costs

Participation to this training is free of charge to the EWC delegates and trade union officers working with EWCs.

The hotel is booked and pre-paid by ETUI. Details of the venue will be informed upon confirmation, but certainly it will have a good connection with the airport.

After receiving ETUI's confirmation, you will need to make your own travel arrangements. Travel costs will be paid back by ETUI on the basis of a reimbursement form. **The new procedure for reimbursement of travel is attached (ETUI Travel Policy). Please read carefully before booking your travel and please wait until you receive ETUI's formal confirmation before making any travel arrangements.**

Programme

Please see the draft programme attached.

Registrations and additional information

We can accept a maximum of 35 participants. Half of the workshop seats will be offered to CEE countries. Interested participants are invited to submit their registration using this [FORM](https://crm.etui.org/form/ewc-access-to-justice-27-may-war)
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Please register **by 18 April 2025**.

Selection of participants will be done by ETUI by 25th April and will receive a formal message of confirmation or rejection from the ETUI.

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact ETUI EWC Education Officer responsible for this training course : Cyprian Szyszka cszyszka@etui.org or ETUI Education Secretariat : Sylviane Mathy smathy@etui.org.

We look forward to meet you among EWC professionals!

ETUI EWC team

Annex: ETUI EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION ON UNIT COSTS and draft programme

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