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Invitation to an ETUI Education training course

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Dear Trade Union Member,

The Education Department of the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), in partnership with CGIL (Italy), and BNS (Romania), will organise the training course "Working time reduction for a Just Transition II" that will be held from 3 to 5 December in Rome, Italy.

This course is a replica of the course given in Bruges in May 2024. It is intended for those who have not yet taken part.

Background information

The term 'working time reduction' refers to the practice of collectively agreeing to reduce the amount of time spent in employment. Fighting for working time reduction, which has always been at the heart of the labour movement, has gained renewed interest in this period of just transition.

Objectives of the project

- Share recent initiatives aimed at introducing working time reduction.
- Present arguments in favour of working time reduction at full pay both at the national or company level.
- Highlight the role of collective agreements in ensuring the reduction of working hours.
- Draft some elements of a strategy that could be used to achieve working time reduction at full pay.

Target group

- TU officers and representatives who are responsible for environment, energy, climate change, and sustainability or who are involved in health and safety issues;
- TU representatives at the company and sectoral level;
- TU officers and representatives responsible for collective bargaining at sectoral level;
- TU officers in charge of issues related to working time.

Working languages

English, Italian and Romanian

Venue and accommodation

Rome, Italy. More information about the venue and accommodation will be given later.

Programme





A draft programme is attached.

How are enrolments processed?

The training course is open to 20 participants. The final confirmation of the participants will be done by ETUI and the team of trainers, considering the requirements for the target group. Priority will be given to members of CGIL and BNS.

Please bear in mind the recommendations of the ETUC Action Plan for women, which call for the proportional representation of women in trade union activities.

Participants' registration

We invite interested participants to submit their registration to this link:

https://crm.etui.org/form/working-time-reduction

The deadline for registration is 18 October 2024.

Please read our travel conditions carefully (see enclosed). Do not buy any tickets before we confirm your participation.

Payment

A direct monetary contribution (enrolment fees) to ETUI Education activities is required per participant. The cost is 60€ for the entire course programme. You will receive instructions on how to pay when we confirm your participation.

Arrival and departure

Participants are expected to arrive on 2 December 2024 in the afternoon and leave on 5 December 2024 after lunch.

We would be grateful if all participants respected the arrival and departure times.

Additional information

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Carine Boon, cboon@etui.org or Franklin Kimbimbi fkimbimbi@etui.org

Yours sincerely,

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