

Permanent European Capitals' Trade Unions Conference

At the beginning of the '90s, in the course of the European unification process and the necessary European social dialog, the trade union federations active in the European capitals began to meet through mediation of the ETUC aiming to coordinate social, labour market and structure-political activities in the metropolises. EKA is a founding member of the Permanent Conference.

First, these meetings took place within a smaller framework gathering some European partners in Stockholm, Paris, Berlin and other cities. In order to enable a goal-directed working atmosphere and a result-orientated exchange of views, in 1998 these meetings led to a large conference with a constituent character.

About 60 representatives of all trade union federations active in the EU capitals of the 15 EU member states and other associated countries participated in this conference. Since that day the conference comprises the political company of the European unification process, taking into consideration the EU decision for a "Europe of the regions".

The labour and social conditions of all capital regions show the same development tendencies towards services centres entailing a massive exclusion of the less qualified employees, a high youth unemployment rate and the impoverishment of certain city quarters.

The "Permanent European Capitals Conference" discusses these problems aiming at developing existing labour market or social system instruments and realizing them in all capitals in cooperation with the ETUC and with the involvement of the social partners from the purse of the European Commission and the national governments.

Members

1. UNITED KINGDOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TUC : Trades Union Congress
2. AUSTRIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OGB : Austrian Trade Union Federation
3. BELGIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FGTB : General Labour Federation of Belgium • CSC :Confederation of Christian Trade Unions • CGSLB :General Confederation of Liberal Trade Unions of Belgium
4. BULGARIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITUB :Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Bulgaria • PODKREPA :Confederation of Labour
5. FRANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFDT : French Democratic Confederation of Labour • CFTC : French Confederation of Christian Workers • CGT : General Confederation of Labour • FO : General Confederation of Labour - Workers' Power • UNSA : National Union of Autonomous Unions
6. GERMANY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGB : German Confederation of Trade Unions
7. DENMARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LO-DK : Danish Confederation of Trade Unions
8. ESTHONIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAKL : Association of Estonian Trade Unions • TALO : Estonian Employees' Unions' Association
9. IRELAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICTU : Irish Congress of Trade Unions
10. SPAIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC.OO : Trade Union Confederation of Workers' Commissions • UGT -E : General Workers' Union – Spain
11. ITALY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGIL : Italian General Confederation of Labour • CISL : Italian Confederation of Workers' Trade Unions • UIL : Italian Union of Labour
12. CYPRUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ΣΕΚ : Confederation of Workers of Cyprus • ΔΕΟΚ : Democratic Union of • ΠΝΟ : Pan Cyprian Workers Organization • TURK-SEN : Turkish Workers' Trade Union Federation
13. LATVIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBAS : Union of Independent Trade Unions of Latvia
14. LITHUANIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDF : Lithuanian Labour Federation • LPSK/LTUC : Lithuanian Trade Union Confederation • LPSS : Lithuanian Trade Union "Solidarumas"
15. LUXEMBOURG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGT-L : General Confederation of Labour of Luxembourg • LCGB : Luxembourg Christian Trade Union Confederation
16. MALTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMTU : Confederation of Malta Trade Unions • GWU : General Workers' Union
17. NORWAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LO – N : Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions

18. HOLLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNV : Netherlands Trade Union Confederation
19. HUNGARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AszSz : Autonomous Trade Union Confederation • LIGA : Democratic League of Independent Trade Unions • MOSz : National Federation of Workers' Councils • MszOSz : National Confederation of Hungarian Trade Unions
20. POLLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSZZ Solidarnosc : Independent and Self-Governing Trade Union "Solidarnosc" • OPZZ : All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions
21. PORTUGAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGTP – IN : General Confederation of Portuguese Workers • UGT – P : General Workers' Union – Portugal
22. RUMANIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNS : The National Trade Unions Block • CARTEL ALFA : National Trade Union Confederation - Cartel ALFA • CNSLR –FRATIA : National Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Romania – FRATIA • CSDR : Democratic Trade Union Confederation of Romania
23. SLOVAKIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOZ SR : Confederation of Trade Unions of the Slovak Republic
24. SLOVENIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZSSS : Slovenian Association of Free Trade Unions
25. SWEDEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LO –S : Swedish Trade Union Confederation
26. CZECH REPUBLIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMKOS : Czech Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions
27. FINLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAK :Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions

Observers

1. RUSSIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTUF : Moscow Trade Union Federation
2. TURKEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DISK : Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey • HAK –IS : Confederation of Turkish Real Trade Unions • TURK –IS : Confederation of Turkish Trade Unions
3. TUNISIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Regionale du Travail de Tunis