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European trade unions will meet at an international conference

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26th and 27th February 2015 Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS) will organize an international conference "Trade union role in promotion of sustainable growth and quality jobs creation" which will be one of the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council events.

The conference aims to increase the today's role of trade unions in sustainable economic development and trade union's ability to operate in accordance with the labour market and workers needs. The conference will address current labour market issues which can be influenced by trade unions - a quality job creation, youth employment and challenges of the free movement of workers. Particular attention in the conference will be paid to the current impact of the European trade union movement and capacity of trade unions which is a prerequisite for the effective performance of the functions of trade unions.

President of LBAS Peteris Krigeris: "This conference organized by LBAS will be unique in a sense, because it will be the only workers forum during the Latvian Presidency. Together with the European trade union representatives we will look for the best solutions to urgent labour market problems. During the conference examples of good practice will be shared with trade union representatives from Austria, Sweden and, of course, Latvia. Particularly we thought about the participation of the Italian trade union representatives in the event as from Italy Latvia took over the Presidency of the EU Council. "

One of the EU 2020 - ten years of the EU's growth and jobs strategy - objectives is to achieve 75% employment rate for people of working age from 20 to 64 years. Increasing the quality of jobs and creating new high-quality jobs - is one of the European Commission's agenda to achieve this goal. Therefore during the conference ETUC General Secretary Bernadette Ségol, trade union experts, the EUROFOUND and employers representatives will be involved in discussions on quality jobs, quality employment factors and circumstances , the present situation of the implementation of the EU 2020 employment goals and trade union role in creation of quality jobs. International trade union conference will bring together around 150 participants from the EU Member States' trade unions - the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) member organizations.

The conference will take place in the Latvian Society House, Riga, Merķeļa Street 13, and the working language will be Latvian with simultaneous interpretation into English and French.

LBAS as a national-level social partner is actively engaged in the Latvian Presidency agenda. In March 31 the social partners' forum "Role of social dialogue in ensuring the economy growth and qualitative work places" will be held in Riga, whereas the international trade union youth forum "Strengthening trade union youth participation in decision-making at the European and national level" will be held in Riga 5-7 June.

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