



**To: Members of ETUC Youth Committee
ETUC Affiliated organisations**

Brussels, 16 June 2006.

<p align="center">Invitation to an ETUC Youth Seminar on Young People and employment Strasbourg, 18 – 24 September 2006</p>
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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that we are organising a one-week youth seminar on the topic “**Young People and Employment**” in Europe. The seminar will take place in the European Council Training Centre in **Strasbourg from 18th to 24th September**. As always, this seminar is open to all youth officers of ETUC member organisations.

During the seminar, the participants will have the opportunity to better understand and identify with issues effecting young people in the work place. European news, places this issue at the centre of our concerns and of the European institutions’ concerns. Members of the Parliament worried by this issue will meet young trade unionists to exchange views. This seminar will discuss this problem as well as the identification of possible solutions in a “Youth” perspective.

During the seminar we intend to work using a combination of expert presentations, working group sessions and role play activities in order to ensure an active participation by all present.

Participants

The seminar is open to a maximum of 30 young people of ETUC affiliated organisations. This means that participants **must be under 35 years of age** and be **actively involved in youth activities within their union structure**.

While it is not necessary that participants at the seminar are actively involved in employment activities in their unions, we will ask that all participants have some background knowledge on their union policies and priorities in this area as well as knowledge about the labour market situation for young people in their country.

Preparation *IMPORTANT*

In order to prepare the seminar, the participants are asked to bring press releases and/or magazines (videos, posters etc.) dealing with young people and employment as well as the material used by their organisations within the framework of the fight against unemployment and precariousness.

These materials should inform your contributions but will also be necessary to share with other participants best practice in this area.

During the session we will work on the basis of concrete cases and on Trade Unions activities taken up this problem (CPE in France). Some voluntary participants will also be able to present these situations.

It is requested that as far as possible, participants should gather statistical data, from national agencies regarding the position of young people in the labour market, e.g.:

- Unemployment Rates for young people.
- Numbers of young workers in low paid jobs.
- Numbers of young workers on short term contracts.
- Statistics relating to level of education – v- unemployment rate.

Please note most of this information is available from the Eurostat website, (<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>), please consider this information and add to it using national materials.

Arrival / Departure

Participants should arrive in Strasburg on the evening of 18th September. A welcome drink and an informal session will take place after 20.00 in the European Youth Centre for all participants.

The meeting will end on Saturday evening and will be followed by a farewell dinner. Therefore, participants should book their return tickets for Saturday 23rd September.

Venue

The seminar will take place at the European Youth Centre, where all participants will also stay. The address is:

Strasburg European Youth Centre
30 rue Pierre de Coubertin
F – 67500 Strasburg Wacken
Tel. 0033 3 88 41 2300
Fax : 0033 3 88 41 27 77/78

Visa

It should be noted that participants coming from non-member countries of the Council of Europe as well as Turkey having a non-national passport must be in possession of a visa to enter France. The same applies for participants from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania holding a non national passport.

Interpretation

Active interpretation in English and French will be provided.

Registration

Each organisation can nominate a maximum of 2 participants for this seminar, however, there will be a max of 30 participants permitted to attend. Could you please indicate on your registration form, the order of priority for your 2 nominations (Participant 1 will have priority over participant 2). Selections will be made, bearing in mind a geographical and gender balance.

Travel

Travel costs will be reimbursed by the European Youth Centre after the seminar on the basis of apex or cheaper alternative flights only . For that reason you should ensure that you stay in Strasbourg for the Saturday night to avail of the cheapest flight available. If your ticket is more expensive, you will only be reimbursed to the value of an apex ticket – your organisation will be liable for the rest of the cost. Participants should be present for the entire session. Those who participate for less than 80% of the entire session will not be reimbursed .

Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided for all participants at the European Youth Centre, which is also the venue of the seminar will take place. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will also be provided. A charge of 45 euros will be deducted from your travel reimbursement to cover this (see below).

Costs

The cost for participation will be 45 euros – this covers your accommodation, meals and transport costs. This money will be deducted from your travel reimbursements by the Council of Europe.

In addition, ETUC Youth has called upon the educational support of the European Trade Union College to carry out this seminar. We therefore ask you for an additional fee of 120euros to cover this contribution (the amount requested from the CEEC's is 30 euros).

This fee will be payable once the participant has been notified that he has been accepted for the seminar. Bank details will be provided at this time.

Insurance

The European Youth Centre declines all responsibility for any risk that can occur to participants during their journey, or during their stay at the European Youth Centre at Strasbourg. Individual insurance is therefore necessary.

Miscellaneous

Within the framework of the cultural evening, we request you to bring a specialty of your country or your region (music, food, beverage...).

Deadline for Registration

Registration forms should be returned to ETUC Youth, to the attention of **Loreta d'Ambrosio** by fax 00 32 2 224 04 54 before **the 21st of July** at the latest. Candidates who have been accepted will be notified and will receive additional information accordingly.

I look forward to welcoming you to Strasbourg.

Kind regards

Juliane BIR
ETUC Youth