

PERC Newsletter, July/August 2009

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Get the World to Work

World Day for Decent Work, October 7 2009

**We call upon you to join with the
International Trade Union Confederation
in the campaign for economic recovery and
reform on the World Day for Decent Work
on 7 October 2009.**

<http://www.wddw.org/Call-to-Action-Get-the-World-to>

The economic crisis threatens the jobs and futures of people everywhere. Decades of deregulation, and the greed and excess of a tiny minority, have pushed the world into the deepest recession since the 1930s.

Decent work must be at the centre of government actions to bring back economic growth and build a new global economy that puts people first.

We are united in our demands for a new global economy, which is built on social justice and which:

- *Delivers decent work, with full respect for trade union rights, to all;*
- *Is based on effective, democratic and accountable global governance which puts the needs of people first;*
- *Ensures strong financial regulation, putting finance at the service of the real economy and the real economy at the service of people;*
- *Guarantees respect for the rights of all working people and puts an end to poverty, inequality, discrimination and exploitation; and,*
- *Secures sustainability through green investment and green jobs.*

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PERC activities

The first PERC Youth Conference, 9 and 10 July, Brussels



The Conference debated issues of youth employment, trade union campaigning and youth organization and representation in trade union movement.

60 participants from 50 affiliated organizations took part in the conference and elected the new PERC Youth Committee.

The conference elected Daniela Aleksieva from KNSB (Bulgaria) as the President of the PERC Youth Committee. The other members of the Committee are:

Benoit Constant, CSC, Belgium, Vice-President
Hans Richard Schmidt-Nielsen, AC, Denmark, Vice-President

László Kovács (MSZOSZ / Hungary)

Andrea Mone, CISL, Italy

Ilze Mihailova, LBAS, Latvia

Ivana Prnjat, CTUM, Montenegro

Aleksey Slyazin, FNPR, Russia

Tugba Balci, HAK-IS, Turkey, Vice-President

The Conference issued a statement on the situation of youth in Europe expressing the big concern as regards the extremely worrying effects of the economic and financial crisis on youth employment and its quality.

The crisis has merely exacerbated the year on year trend of increasing “flexibility”, which has meant worsening job opportunities for young workers. More and more young workers find themselves in precarious jobs or are unemployed.

When electing the Youth Committee, the Conference entrusted the delegates with the task of developing campaigns on incorporating the interests of the younger generation in the anti-crisis policies of the trade union movement, and ensuring that the voice of the youth of Europe is heard.

At the same time the Conference urged the YC to further analyze the impact of the crisis on young people’s work and the extent to which the anti-crisis measures are addressing employment and its quality, particular for those entering the labor markets;

The activity was co-funded by the ILO-ACTRAV and FES and supported by the ITUC solidarity fund.



More info and documents on : <http://perc.ituc-csi.org>

On 18-19 August the thematic workshop “Informal workers representation, protection and organizing in Kyrgyzstan” took place in Chulpan Ata, Kyrgyzstan. The workshop was organized in framework of the FNV-PERC project on informal economy for commerce, transport, textile trade union branches and leaders of existing IE workers organizations



Russia: VKT and KTR signed “unification agreement”



Participants discussed existing service packages for Trade Union members from informal economy, specific of each sector situations, prepared action plan for last project year in national and sectoral level. They presented existing experience and reported about implemented actions. 3 project target branches now unite about 10000 workers engaged in informal labor relations.

Special attention in discussions was paid to current crisis situation in Kyrgyzstan. In Kyrgyzstan was experiencing boom of sewing industry. Main export market is Russia and Kyrgyzstan is very depended from Russian situation. For example after closing of biggest Moscow market Cherkizovskij, Kyrgyzstan sewing industry lost 25% orders and warehouses are now full of not realized goods.

In year 2001 20 000 people were occupied in light industry, in 2008 - 200 000 people. About 15 000 Kyrgyz workers sell the production in Russian markets. 80% of them are self employed and work by patents. Sewing “sweat shops” are located everywhere in the country - in old factories, garages, private houses, warehouses. In 2008-2009 1245 workers were organized and 45 new organizations established.

Commerce trade Union has established Trade Union organizations in all main Kyrgyzstan markets. Around 6000 market sellers are trade Union members.

Participants agreed from 1 of September to start the national IE workers informational organizing campaign. The campaign detailed plan was adopted.

/ITUC Vilnius office/

News from affiliates

Two ITUC-PERC affiliates, the All-Russian Confederation of Labor and the Confederation of Labor of Russia, confirmed their intention to unify their structures. The respective agreement was signed at the ILO Moscow Office on 16 July.

The VKT and the KTR are the affiliates of the ITUC and with the unification they will made the second largest trade union centre of Russia.

The unification Congress is planned on 15 November this year. The process of unification will facilitate setting up union organizations in the enterprises not covered by the existing trade union movement, particularly in the green field companies. This has been voiced by the leaders of the VKT and KTR as the main mission of the unified organization.

/VKT, KTR/

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Political Recommendations of the 18th BSPC

BSPC Working Group on Labor Market and Social Affairs has focused on cross-border labor markets and youth unemployment in the Baltic Sea Region. Very importantly, during the preparation period both trade unions and employer organizations were heard. In the report of the group several political recommendations concerning cross-border labor markets and commuters were introduced. Furthermore, role of social partners emphasized strongly.

You can read the full report and more on www.bslabour.net

Upcoming events:

WDDW

Climate change

Network of legal experts SEE

Women's School

Regional seminar

Crisis

Education

7 October

23-25 September, OHS, Climate change and environment conference, Baku

23-24 September, workshop for SEE legal experts network: "The future of labour law in EU and SEE", Zagreb

16-18 October 2009

13-15 October, Prevent violence and protect women and youth in the workplace, Bucharest

26-27 October, Global crisis and trade unions, NIS discussion, Minsk

4-6 November, SEE education meeting, Turin

You may be interested

On 17-18th of September will take place in Bucharest the final conference of the project titled "Economic democracy and participation in organizing processes in the textile and shoe sectors, in Italy, Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey"



International Financial Institutions

www.ifc.org/projects

A set of EU calls for proposals was launched in frame of IPA

The project, promoted by ISCOS and co-financed by the European Commission - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal opportunity, had the objective to support the implementation of information and participation rights of workers within the specific sectors of textile, clothing and footwear and involved all the Romanian textile federations, Fossil CTUB from Bulgaria and Tekstil and Teksif federations from Turkey. Two days of conference, the first one centred on the comparison of the present situation in participation rights for trade union organization in the textile and footwear sectors in Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey. The second day, will open the discussion to the Romanian Institutions and employer organizations from Bulgaria and Romania concerning the present situation and the impact of the financial and economic crises in Europe in the one of the most affected sector."

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The following proposed loans were posted to the IFC website since the last update:

1. JSC Bank Respublika - Azerbaijan
2. Raven Russia/Logopark Don (warehouse) - Russian Federation
3. Ufa Vodokanal (utilities - wastewater) - Russian Federation
4. Banca Transilvania S.A. - Romania
5. Ameriabank CJSC - Armenia
6. Vyksa Steel - Russian Federation
7. Sarten II (tin/plastic manufacturing) - Turkey

For more information, please search the project number provided in the IFC projects database (www.ifc.org/projects) or contact Global Unions' Washington Office.

Please consult the calls for proposals on the following web page:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=50&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=AS&pgm=7573840&ZGEO=35580&ccnt=7573876&debpub=&finpub=&aoet=36538&aoet=36539>