

# EUROPEAN TRADE UNION LIAISON COMMITTEE ON TOURISM (ETLC)

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## Who we are

The European Trade Union Liaison Committee on Tourism (ETLC) was set up as a coordination platform in Brussels in 1995 by the European Industry Federations and the Global Union Federations representing workers in the tourism sector.

The European federations EFFAT, ETF and UNI-Europa represent more than 9 million trade union members in Europe. They are the recognised representatives for their sectors with the European institutions and in the European Social Dialogue with employers' organisations.

The European Trade Union Liaison Committee on Tourism represents workers in the various businesses providing services to tourism, such as hotels and restaurants, catering, transport, travel agencies, tour operators, leisure parks, tourist offices, tourist guides, etc.

## What we want

Representing this broad base of tourism workers, the ETLC aims to ensure that decision makers at European level are aware of the specific interests and needs of the workforce in tourism, and to speak - whenever possible- with one voice.

Pursuing the overall aim to promote the creation of sustainable employment in tourism, the main objectives of the ETLC are:

- to improve working conditions for tourism workers
- to promote basic and continuous vocational training in the tourism industry
- to promote the Social Dialogue in the tourism sector
- to strengthen cross-border cooperation between trade unions representing workers in the tourism sector

## What we do

Some highlights of the ETLC activities:

- June 1995, Joint declaration on the Commission's Green Paper on the role of the Union in the field of tourism
- 1998 and 2000, Survey "What kind of jobs in Tourism in Europe?"
- March 2001, Conference on „The impact of the concentration process in the European travel and tourism industry on the tourism sector in the tourism destinations“, in Tenerife
- October 2001, Declaration on the impact of the terrorist attacks in the US on tourism
- November 2002, Position paper on sustainability in the tourism sector
- December 2002, Participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> European Tourism Forum in Brussels
- November 2003, Participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Tourism Forum in Abano Terme/Venice
- October 2004, Conference on „Strengthening the cross-border cooperation of workers' representatives in transnational transport, travel and tourism companies“ in Budapest
- October 2004, Participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Tourism Forum in Budapest
- November 2004, Proposal of trade union experts into Tourism Sustainability Group of the Commission
- February 2005, Participation in Public Hearing of the EP Committee on Transport and Tourism "What policies are needed for sustainable European tourism?"
- June 2005, Participation in EP Tourism Intergroup on the "Impact of the Directive proposal on Services on the European tourism"
- October 2005, Conference on "New developments in transnational companies in travel, transport and tourism: restructuring and competitiveness" in Malta
- October 2005, Participation in 4<sup>th</sup> European Tourism Forum in Malta
- November 2006, Conference on "Information, consultation and participation rights of workers in the tourism sector – new challenges and trade union strategies" in Cyprus
- November 2006, Participation in the 5<sup>th</sup> European Tourism Forum in Cyprus

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### EFFAT

European Federation  
of Food, Agriculture  
and Tourism Trade  
Unions

### UNI-Europa

Union Network International  
– European regional  
organisation

### ETF

European Transport  
Workers' Federation

### IUF

International Union of  
Food, Agricultural, Hotel,  
Restaurant, Catering,  
Tobacco and Allied  
Workers' Associations

### UNI

Union Network  
International

### ITF

International  
Transport  
Workers'  
Federation