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Dear Trade Union Members,

ETUI Education in cooperation with **CSC-ACV (Belgium) and Comisiones Obreras (Spain)**, would like to invite you for an online training course entitled **Trade unions' role in the European Semester** that will take place on 29 and 30 November 2021 (29 all day and 30 morning), via ZOOM.

The European Semester enables EU Member States to coordinate their economic and social policies.

The European Commission has recently decided to refocus the European Semester, prioritising the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the stated ambition of placing sustainable development and citizens' well-being at the centre of EU economic policy.

From this perspective, the European Semester is one of the tools for use in implementing the European Green Deal.

Aims

- To raise awareness for what is at stake for trade unions in the European Semester.
- To strengthen national trade union capacities to influence the budgetary policies shaped in the framework of the European Semester.
- To develop a methodology for trade union intervention in the European Semester.

Learning outcomes

- To identify the objectives, content, and key moments of the European Semester.
- To mobilise the necessary resources to engage in a budget debate related to the European Semester.
- To establish a balance of power in the European Semester budgetary models.

Working languages

Interpretation will be available in English, French, Spanish, and Dutch.

Venue

The training course will be held online on Zoom. Detailed technical instructions will be provided to selected participants.

Programme

The programme is attached.

Target audience

- Union leaders dealing with European issues
- Members of trade union research departments responsible for European or international matters
- Trade union Semester liaison officers (TUSLOs)
- Union action coordinators
- Economists working in trade unions



Participants' registration

Interested participants are invited to submit their registration to **this link**:

<https://forms.gle/uQxMTJ5qEgonYH9N6>

Please register before **5 November 2021**.

How are enrolments processed?

The training course is open to **28** participants (4 groups of 7 participants).
The final confirmation of the participants will be done by ETUI and the team of trainers **after the deadline for enrolment**, considering the requirements for the target group.

Priority will be given to participants from ACV-CSC and Comisiones Obreras.
We ask you to bear in mind the recommendations of the ETUC Action Plan for women which call for the proportional representation of women in trade union activities.

Payment

The participation to this course is **free of charge**.

Additional information

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Carine Boon, cboon@etui.org or Franklin Kimbimbi fkimbimbi@etui.org

Yours sincerely,

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