



## Invitation to an ETUI Education course

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Dear Colleagues,

ETUI Education invites you to attend the **8<sup>th</sup> edition** of the online course “**EU for Trade Unionists**”. It will run during 7 weeks, **from 4 May till 28 June 2026**, and it will involve about 18 hours of individual work.

The course is self-paced: learners will choose when to attend it. Online tutors will support participants during the training. This training activity, hosted on Moodle, is provided in English and it's free of charge.

The institutions of the European Union and how they function is complex, creating, therefore, a huge gap between EU policymakers and citizens. In addition, for about half a century the European Union has played a crucial role in shaping the current globalization process. This, as we see in the news every day, is a reality that has consequences on all of us, in Europe and around the world.

That's why the ETUI organizes this introductory course: it will **empower the trade unionists** not only to critically analyse how the EU works and see how decisions are taken, but above all, to understand **how they can play a role and intervene in the process**. This is a crucial step to reinforce the trade unions in every country in Europe and make their work more effective. In the current period having strong trade unions is more important than ever.

### Aim and objectives

After completing this online training, participants will be able to:

1. Recognise the basic principles of the EU
2. Identify the 5 essential elements of the European social model for the ETUC
3. Identify the worker representation system in the various EU countries
4. Outline the ETUC, its mission, structures and the role of its governing bodies
5. Outline the EU ordinary legislative procedure
6. Define the fields of European social dialogue, describe their functioning and infer possible trade union actions
7. Analyse, on the basis of a practical case, the principles allowing trade union action with a European scope.

### Working languages

English. An intermediate level of English knowledge is required.

### Venue

Online

## Participants

Trade unionists from ETUC affiliated Organizations.

## How are enrolments processed?

A maximum of 150 participants can be accepted. The final confirmation of the participants will be done by ETUI bearing in mind the requirements for the target group. Selection of participants follows the criteria “first come, first served”.

## Participants' registration

The individual expression of interests must be done before **26 April 2026** by filling the online form available here:

<https://crm.etui.org/form/eu4tu-online-4-may-2026>

Once the 150 available places are filled, registrations will be closed. Given the high numbers of requests, this can happen before the deadline.

## Payment of registration

Participation is free of charge.

## Additional information

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Sylviane Mathy, e-mail: [smathy@etui.org](mailto:smathy@etui.org)

Yours sincerely,

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