

Dear Colleagues,

The Education Department of the European Trade Union Institute, in cooperation with FNV (The Netherlands) and CSC-ACV (Belgium) organises a training course on “**EU Industrial Decarbonisation**” on 23-25 June 2026, in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Background

The European Union has established a comprehensive policy framework to support the decarbonisation of its industrial sector, aiming to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. This strategy combines legislative measures, financial incentives, and technological innovation to help energy-intensive industries transition toward more sustainable practices.

Becoming a leader in decarbonisation could enhance the sector’s competitiveness and create jobs that do not yet exist. However, these policies will also have significant impacts on workers, transforming workplaces and job requirements. It is therefore essential that workers and their trade unions are actively involved and have a voice in shaping this transition.

At the same time, the current geopolitical context will play an important role in influencing these developments.

Objectives

- Analyse how the EU's industrial decarbonisation policies affect job quality, working conditions, and the bargaining power of trade unions.
- Share practical experiences to enhance understanding and responses to the sectoral impacts of national and EU industrial decarbonization policies.
- Explore ways to empower workers' representatives in influencing strategic planning at the company level.

Working languages

English, Dutch and another language according to the participants’ needs.

Programme

The enclosed draft programme will give you an overview of the course contents.

Accommodation and meeting venue

Accommodation and venue will be communicated when we confirm the participants.

Participants

- TU representatives at company and sectoral levels impacted by industrial decarbonisation policies;
- TU officers or representatives responsible for climate and industrial policies;
- TU officers responsible for negotiations in companies or sectors affected by industrial decarbonisation policies;
- TU officers or representatives who are members of European Works Councils (EWCs) in companies impacted by industrial decarbonisation policies.

Arrival and departure

Participants are expected **to arrive on 22 June 2026 in the afternoon** and **to leave on 25 June after lunch**. We advise you to not book your return flight for before 16.00.

How are enrolments processed?

15 participants can be accepted. The final selection of the participants will be done by ETUI and the team of trainers, considering the requirements for the target group.

Please note that your registration will not be final until we have confirmed that you have been selected.

We ask you to consider the recommendations of the ETUC Action Plan for women which calls for the proportional representation of women in trade union activities.

Participants' registration

The deadline for registration is 15 May 2026.

Final confirmation of the participants will be done by ETUI on 19 May 2026.

Please fill in our registration form using the link:

<https://crm.etui.org/form/eu-industrial-decarbonisation>

Payment

A direct monetary contribution (enrolment fees) to ETUI Education activities is required per participant.

The cost is 60€ for the entire course programme. You will receive instructions on how to pay when we confirm your participation.

Organisation

- There is no need to book your own accommodation.
- **Travel:** Participants must make their own travel arrangements, knowing that ETUI will pay travel costs back based on a reimbursement form. The ETUI will cover accommodation costs (3 nights= 22, 23, 24 June 2026) and travel. **Please wait until you receive our formal confirmation before making any travel arrangements.**

⚠ Please, may we ask you to read the attached document “Communication on Unit costs travel, accommodation and subsistence” carefully- the rules have of reimbursement have changed! ⚠

The Unit costs are currently being updated, and we will provide these as soon as we receive them. The information we are sending now are only meant to provide an insight on how it works, but please note that the numbers are not final.

Additional information

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

Yours sincerely,

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