

Brussels, 23 January 2026

Dear Colleagues,

The Education Department of the European Trade Union Institute is pleased to invite you to the training seminar dedicated to the Revised EWC Directive, with a particular focus on changes in EWC access to justice.

This seminar focuses on EWC jurisprudence and access to justice, so we will particularly look into what changes are foreseen in this regard, compared with the current state of play. To complement the practical dimension of this training, we will bring case studies of EWC jurisprudence, to see them from the new light of the revised directive. We will also introduce the revised EWC Directive changes and the timeline for adaptation & renegotiation, and discuss how EWCs should make the most of new Directive, so the trade union experts, select committee members and coordinators are aware of the steps ahead. The strategic goal of this training seminar is to build the capacity of EWCs in risk awareness of going legal and access to justice possibilities at hand.

This seminar will take place on **9th-10th June 2026** in Lyon, France.

Please forward this invitation to the relevant trade union networks and mailing lists.

Objectives

The revision of the EWC Directive introduces important changes aimed at strengthening information and consultation rights, improving the effectiveness of EWCs, and ensuring better enforcement and compliance. This seminar will provide a practical and forward-looking discussion on how EWCs can adapt to these developments.

This training seminar explores two areas: the improvements in EWC access to justice under revised Directive, complemented with selection of EWC rulings in the light of the revised Directive. The seminar is designed to support EWC select committee members, experts and coordinators in designing the EWC conflict escalation steps to take if EWC considers legal pathway, staying aware of the possibilities provided by the Revised EWC Directive. Through peer learning, expert input and practical examples, participants will gain concrete recommendations how to support their EWCs and insights in next steps to take.

This workshop is targeted to EWC professionals who would like to update their knowledge with the highlights of EWC jurisprudence, gathered by ETUI so far, as well as gain better grip on over the escalation steps, and compare it with the developments given by the revised EWC Directive. It is dedicated for EWC coordinators, SC members and chairpersons wanting to know the current state of play on EWC case law, showcasing interesting developments and future question marks. This knowledge also helps in mitigating EWC-related conflicts and, most importantly, support EWC bodies in decision making on opening possible litigation. Access to justice in the context of EWC Directive revision is focal point for the workshop debates.

This seminar is a part of the series, with the primary objective to equip EWC delegates coordinators with the in-depth knowledge and practical skills necessary to navigate the revised EWC Directive. Participants enrol for a single event of their choice and are not obliged to attend the whole series.

Target group

The seminar is open to trade union coordinators, experts and officers working with EWCs, as well as EWC select committee members and regular delegates involved in the topic.

Available places: 40. Final list will be consulted with ETUFs before confirmations. Please wait until you receive our formal confirmation before making any travel arrangements.

Date, venue, logistics

9th-10th June 2026, hotel Mercure Lyon Charpennes (France). Hotel is booked and paid for you by the ETUI. Confirmed participants have to make their own travel arrangements, knowing that travel costs will be paid back by ETUI on the basis of a EC rules of reimbursement. Please contact ETUI in case of hesitation how to proceed with travel itinerary. Please read the travel rules carefully to find out what your maximum flight reimbursement limit is. Extra hotel expenses are not taken in charge by ETUI. Participants are expected to arrive on Monday 8th and to leave on Wednesday 10th after lunch.

Languages

The workshop will be held in English with French active interpretation. 1 more language may be added depending on the needs of the participants.

Programme

Please find the draft program attached.

Registrations

Please register under this link: <https://crm.etui.org/form/ewc-access-to-justice-lyon-9-10>

The deadline for the registrations is **30th April 2026 EOB**. Confirmations will be sent before 8th May, as soon as possible to make time for the necessary travel arrangements.

Participation on this course is free of charge however in case of unjustified or sudden absence, you will be asked to pay the no-show costs and ETUI may re-invoice your organisation.

Additional information

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Nathalie de Vits ndevits@etui.org or Cyprian Szyszka cszyszka@etui.org

We look forward to meeting you!

The ETUI EWC team

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