

Brussels, 19 February 2026

Dear Colleagues,

The Education Department of the European Trade Union Institute is pleased to invite you to a dedicated seminar for European Works Councils operating under Irish legislation, in light of the recently adopted revision of the European Works Council framework.

Many multinational companies — particularly US-based groups with their European headquarters in Ireland and EWCs migrating after Brexit — have established their EWCs under Irish law. The revised EWC Directive now requires careful consideration of how existing agreements align with the updated standards and how EWCs can strengthen their role in transnational information and consultation processes.

This seminar will particularly look into what changes are foreseen in information, consultation and EWC access to justice, compared with the current state of play. We will also introduce the revised EWC Directive novelties 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 strengthen the capacity of EWCs operating under Irish legislation.

This seminar will take place on **20th-21th May 2026** in Dublin, Ireland.

We look forward to welcoming you to this focused discussion on strengthening EWCs operating under Irish jurisdiction.

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 seminar will focus specifically on:

- The implications of the revised EWC Directive for EWCs governed by Irish legislation
- Amending and improving existing EWC agreements
- Strengthening information & consultation procedures in multinational corporate environments
- Clarifying EWC legal means: enforcement, dispute resolution, and practical functioning under the Irish framework
- Discussing the existing state of play and perspectives of Irish transposition

This seminar is a part of the series, with the primary objective to equip EWC delegates and 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 EWC delegates, trade union coordinators, experts and officers from European Union member countries, working for EWCs registered in Ireland. Priority will be given to coordinators and select committee members of EWCs operating under IE legislation.

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

20th-21th May 2026, Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley. 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 Tuesday 19th and to leave on Wednesday 21th Thursday after lunch.

Languages

The workshop will be held in English. Active interpretation in 2 additional languages 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/european-works-councils-operatin>

The deadline for the registrations is **1st April 2026 EOB**. Confirmations will be sent before 8th April, 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 Sylviane Mathy smathy@etui.org or Cyprian Szyszka cszyszka@etui.org

We look forward to meeting you!

The ETUI EWC team

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