

Invitation to an ETUI Education training course

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Dear Colleagues,

Our affiliates clearly demand a joined-up European trade union response to coordinate our efforts to combat the far-right.

The recent EU and national elections have highlighted a significant rise in far-right parties across Europe. This situation influences EU and national policies on migration, security, climate, and other issues. Mainstream parties are increasingly adopting their ideas, which could lead to significant policy shifts. As part of the counter-movements, trade unions aim to enhance education and media literacy and form alliances to promote tolerance and inclusivity to uphold democratic values and counter the influence of far-right movements in Europe.

The Education Department of the European Trade Union Institute is organising, with **Cartel Alfa (RO)** and **ACV-CSC (BE)**, the fifth edition of its training course, **Trade Union Education for Democracy- Political Education**. This training course will take place in Brussels, Belgium, from 15 to 17 October 2025.

Aims

This training course will focus on how political education is tackling the rise of fascism and xenophobia by providing real alternatives that increase equality, social justice, fairness and solidarity.

Working languages

Active working languages will be English, Dutch, and Romanian.

Programme

The draft course programme will follow shortly.

Accommodation and course venue

Hotel Bedford

135-137 Rue du Midi

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Target group

- Trade union representatives in charge of discrimination issues & fight against fascism and xenophobia.
- ETUC dedicated contact persons fighting against the far-right
- Experienced trainers in the field of anti-discrimination.



Arrival and departure

Participants are expected to arrive on **Tuesday 14 October & leave on Friday 17 October 2025, after lunch.** **Please wait for confirmation of your participation by ETUI before making travel reservations**

How are enrolments processed?

The final confirmation of the participants will be done by the team of trainers bearing in mind the requirements for the target group. **A maximum of 20 participants will be confirmed.**

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.

Participants' registration

Please fill in our registration form and use the link :
<https://crm.etui.org/form/political-education-15-17-oct-20>

no later than 12 September 2025.

Payment

A direct monetary contribution (enrolment fees) to ETUI Education activities is required per participant; the cost is 60€ for the entire course program, regardless of country of origin. Once you are selected, you will receive a link to pay immediately online. Only candidates who paid will be allowed to participate in our course.

Reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs

Hotel booking will be made by ETUI. It is important to inform us of your correct arrival and departure date.

Reimbursement of accommodation costs

Costs for accommodation, meals, will be covered by ETUI Education (**only 3 nights on 14, 15, 16 October 2025**), only for participants coming from member states of the European Union, Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine.

In case of no-show or last minute cancellation, you will be asked to pay the no-show costs and ETUI will re-invoice you.

Other expenses that are not taken in charge by ETUI: parking, telephone, minibar, extra nights, extra lunches, extra dinners, supplement double room and the eventual supplement half/full board.

Reimbursement of travel expenses

Please check the new rules about reimbursement of travel in the pdf attached.

Additional information

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Maryam Bourja
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Yours sincerely,

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