

## Invitation to an ETUI Education course

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### To all organisations affiliated to ETUC

Artificial intelligence is increasingly used in many sectors of the economy. It is at the heart of numerous discussions as it raises technological, regulatory, ethical, employment and policy related challenges. It is likely already present in your workplace in some form or shape, visible or invisible. For all these reasons, it is crucial for trade unions to study AI and increase both our awareness and knowledge about the topic.

The ETUI Education Department and the Foresight Unit are organising their third training course on AI, which will focus on two central issues: **the explainability of algorithms and worker surveillance**. The training will be held from **14 to 16 February 2022 in Brussels**, Belgium.

To help address these complex topics, the course will rely on a series of high-level speakers and use gamification, understood as the use of typical elements of game playing (rules of play, point scoring, challenges, competition, etc.), to engage participants and address AI from a problem-solving perspective.

Please join us and be part of a growing community of trade unionists eager to learn about AI and address the challenges it raises for workers.

### Objectives

- to identify the major issues on AI and data that are essential for TUs to learn;
- to experience and improve the ETUI game on AI;  
to develop together the key elements that trade unions need to understand “the explainability of AI”.

### Working languages

Working languages are: English, French, a third language will be added based on the participants needs.

### Programme

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

### Venue and accommodation

Hotel in Brussels (to be confirmed)

### Participants

This is a technical training course. Good knowledge and experience of the topic is required. It is intended for trade union officers, leaders or workers representatives specifically working on artificial intelligence.

### Arrival and departure

Participants are expected to arrive on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of February in the morning, the course will start at 14:00.**

The course will end on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 12:30

The ETUI is financially supported by the European Union



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## How are enrolments processed?

We can accept a maximum of **20 participants**.

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

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.

## Payment of registration

The course is **free of charge**

## Participants' registration

Please register online following the link:

<https://bit.ly/3HXhp5Y>

**No later than 4th February at lunchtime.**

Please note that your registration will not be final until we have confirmed that you have been selected. **Travel arrangements can only be booked after this confirmation.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE as to TRAVEL - ACCOMMODATION – RESTAURANT

ETUI advises, that, if you have any symptoms or feel unwell, you should not travel and not attend the training.

You ought to respect the country's post-Covid-19 health and safety measures and procedures. Therefore ETUI asks you to check that the original source of the information is an established and qualified provider.

Several official sources of information on Covid-19 are:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19-pandemic>

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19/external-resources>

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response_en)

**ETUI will not pay for PCR tests.**

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

**Lunch** will be organised at the meeting venue by ETUI.

**Dinner** : there will be no organised dinners for participants in town/in the centre.

**Therefore we opt to book a hotel with restaurant. This gives you the possibility to have dinner in the hotel.**

***Travel :***

Given the current travel restrictions and complexities (Green pass; PLF; other national administrative requirements) **travel is organised by each participant and no longer by ETUI.**

Participants should book **refundable tickets** to be able to receive refund in case of travel cancellation, so that refund is done by the agency or airline/train company.

**ETUI will not reimburse business flight tickets.**

**Flight tickets** : 100% changeable and refundable flight tickets : the fare conditions to be checked by airline company.

An example of Air France :

[https://www.airfrance.be/BE/en/common/page\\_flottante/engagement-air-france-protect.htm#font-color-white-flex-font](https://www.airfrance.be/BE/en/common/page_flottante/engagement-air-france-protect.htm#font-color-white-flex-font)

SAS : <https://www.flysas.com/en/flexible-booking/>

**Train tickets**; second and first class tickets are refundable and exchangeable. Please check the fare conditions by train company.

Due to the Covid period, airline/train companies adapted their policy concerning refund and cancellation of tickets.

### Reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs

Costs for accommodation, meals, will be covered by ETUI Education, only for participants coming from member states of the European Union, Albania, [Montenegro](#), North Macedonia, [Serbia](#) and [Turkey](#).

Expenses must be settled in line with the EU guidelines, which means:

- The shortest route of travel is to be chosen using the most reasonable means of transport.
- Travel by car will be reimbursed either:
  - ✓ on the basis of the mileage calculation at a rate of 0,25€ per km.
  - ✓ on the basis of a train return fare (1<sup>st</sup> class fare for regular trains and 2<sup>nd</sup> class for Eurostar, Thalys, TGV or similar)
  - ✓ the cost of lower-class economy air fare

**Whichever is cheapest, will be reimbursed.**

Toll, petrol, insurance costs will **not** be reimbursed.

Only one person can claim reimbursement, independently of the number of people traveling in the same vehicle. Passengers may not claim mileage or equivalent costs.

- **Local transport**, to/from the event venue, is reimbursed on the basis of original tickets.
- **As a rule, taxis are not reimbursed.**

**Other expenses not taken in charge by ETUI either : parking fees, telephone, costs for luggage and excessive luggage, fees for choice of seating in plane, travel insurance, minibar, extra nights, extra lunches, extra dinners, supplement double room and the eventual supplement half/full board.**

### Additional information

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the ETUI Education Secretariat, Elisa Santaniello, email: [esantaniello@etui.org](mailto:esantaniello@etui.org)

Yours sincerely,

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