



Permanent Committee meeting

Sofia, 8 and 9 of November 2018

On the 8 and 9 of November 2018, was held in Sofia the meeting of the Permanent Committee (PC) of the European Capitals' Trade Unions (ECTUN). The PC worked on the planning of the forthcoming annual Conference of ECTUN that will be held from **18 to 20 of March 2019**.

The PC decided on the topics of the Conference as follows:

Main topic: "Mobility in the capital cities in the digital era: capital cities' transport systems, using latest technical and digital systems, must support the mobility and quality of life of all workers. Public ownership and public delivery of city transport is the most effective method of delivering a high quality service meeting these needs"

The title of the Conference:

"Transport and Mobility in the European Capital Cities for the improvement of living and working conditions".

The PC will develop a **questionnaire** over the next weeks to inform the discussion on this issue; to enrich the session on Mobility, we will look for good/ bad practices seeking case studies from 3 capitals; from the 3 geographical areas composing ECTUN.

2nd topic: "The ETUC Congress: priorities and challenges"

Luca Visentini (ETUC GS) to speak on ETUC priorities and challenges – to be followed by plenary debate and a workshop – the exact structure to be decided after discussion with the ETUC.

- The Congress of the ETUC will take place in May 2019 – as an organization supported by the ETUC we need to reflect our understanding of their priorities.
- There will be ETUC papers on a number of pillars outlining their future; thus far one on Democracy and Renewal has been confirmed and circulated to affiliates.

3rd topic: "Populism and the far right in view of the elections for the European parliament"

Capital cities have always been engines of development and the arena of political, social, economic and cultural developments. The entire above has an important impact to the living and working conditions in the capital cities. The European elections take place in a crucial moment not only for Europe but also worldwide. Across a number of capital cities it is observed an alarming rise of various populist and far right movements. That's the reason why ECTUN members call for opposition to this trend, and ask for the highest possible workers participation in the forthcoming European, national and local elections.

In this context, it was agreed that an ECTUN declaration would be prepared and circulated for amendment before the Conference, for discussion and adoption at the Conference.