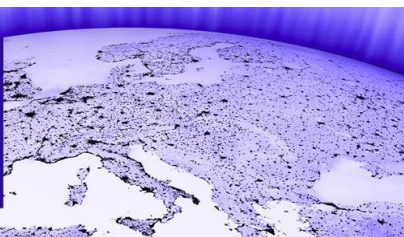


European Capitals Trade Unions Network **ECTUN**

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Preamble

ECTUN is a network of trade unions bodies based in the European capitals/regions.

ECTUN is the acronym of “European Capitals Trade Unions Network.”

ECTUN is a social partner representing Trade Unions of European capitals competent on urban development policy.

ECTUN is a space of dialogue among the Trade Unions of the capital cities/regions. It aims to enhance a regular exchange of information, experience and contacts among network members. In addition to reflect, debate and intervene on promoting the quality of decent work and life of workers who live and work in European capitals/regions.

ECTUN has among its principles, the respect of human, civil and trade union rights. It promotes the fight against all forms of discrimination on grounds of nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation or religious belief.

ECTUN gives particular attention to the land use and the public spaces, on security and urban mobility, to housing, to social inequalities, to urban poverty, to working poor, to gender equality, to inclusiveness for migrants and refugees, to climate adaptation, energy transition and the use of technologies controlling citizens.

Objectives and Activities

Article 1:

The mission of ECTUN is to develop initiatives and/or actions aimed to promote dignity of workers and contributing to interregional exchange, networking and collaboration. To this end ECTUN will:

- Reflect on urban issues that affect life, employment and problems of workers linked to the specific workers' living and working conditions in the areas of the European capitals;
- Contribute to the harmonious, sustainable and balanced urban development of European capitals, protecting workers' rights, collective bargaining, employment and welfare, fight against social dumping and inequalities, respecting diversity, promoting inclusiveness, solidarity and cooperation;
- Build cooperation between trade unions in European capitals offering networking, communication, collaboration and promotion of interregional exchange;
- Organize conferences, meetings and activities that serve to effectively exchange knowledge and experiences;
- Promote specialized training actions, at the intersection of trade union action with urban development issues and policies and related European policies;
- Where useful seek to build dialogue with other related networks.

Membership

Article 2: Affiliation

2.1 Members of ECTUN can be regional trade unions organizations¹ at European operating in capital cities/regions affiliated to their national confederations which in their turn are members of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) or of the Pan-European Council of the International Trade Union Confederation ITUC/PERC, and agree with the present statutes of ECTUN willing to contribute to the achievement of its purposes.

2.2 Applications for affiliation to ECTUN shall be submitted to the Permanent Committee (PC). The PC receives the application, verifies whether the conditions of Article 2.1 are met and forwards its recommendation to the next annual Conference in order to take the decision.

2.3 The Conference approves the admission of the new members.

Article 3: Rights and Obligations

Member organisations have equal rights and obligations.

a) Rights

1. to be regularly informed;
2. to participate in the activities of the Network;
3. to participate and vote in the Conference;
4. to elect and be elected to the Permanent Committee;

b) Obligations

1. Respect and comply with this statute.
2. Cooperate for the development of ECTUN actions and the fulfilment of its purposes.
3. Participate regularly in the annual Conferences.

¹ Regional Federations operating in capital cities/regions

Article 4: Withdrawal of a member organization

An organisation has the right to withdraw from ECTUN and should do this by notifying the Permanent Committee.

Article 5: Suspension and Expulsion

- 5.1 The Conference has the right to suspend or to expel any member-organisation for action, or lack thereof, deemed by this body to be in violation of this statute or against the interests of the Network.
- 5.2 Provision shall be made for an initial discussion of the case suspension or removal by the PC, before issue is put to conference. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the Conference.
- 5.3 A representative of the organization candidate for suspension or exclusion should be given the floor at the Conference to present its position.
- 5.4 Where an organisation is suspended from membership, the mandates of its representatives in the Permanent Committee or working groups expire automatically.

Institutions

Article 6: Institutions

6.1 Conference

6.1.1 The Conference is the main decision making body for ECTUN at which all ECTUN members are invited to participate.

6.1.2 The Conference convenes once a year in the capital city of one of the members. The venue of the conferences will alternate geographically throughout Europe, subject to members volunteering to host.

6.1.3 Roles of the Conference:

- a. Setting guidelines for network activity.
- b. Review of ECTUN activity report and discussion on plans for future work.
- c. Discussion on an agreed topic of relevance to ECTUN members.
- d. Decisions, if required, on membership of the network.

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- e. Discussion of network statute and consideration of amendments or review if required.
 - f. Election of the Permanent Committee (PC).

6.1.4 In the voting at the conference each member organisation has one (1) vote.

6.2 Electoral Conference (EC)

The EC takes place every 4 years and it is the conference where the new PC is elected.

6.3 Permanent Committee (PC)

The Permanent Committee (PC) represents the executive body of ECTUN and reports to the Conference. It consists of five (5) members. Its decisions are taken by majority and each member of the PC has one vote.

a) Election of the PC

1. Members who candidate of the PC should have the prior approval of their organizations.
2. The Permanent Committee is elected every four (4) years at the Conference by secret ballot. Each organization will cast one (1) vote.
3. The outgoing PC is obliged to submit to the Conference a list of candidates for the election of the next PC.
4. Other lists proposed by the 1/3 (one third) of the ECTUN members can be submitted.
5. The lists of candidates on their composition must respect the geographical diversity of the members and ensure a gender balance.
6. New members can candidate for the PC after they have participated at least in one annual Conference.
7. The maximum number of terms of office for a capital organization to be member of the PC is two (2).
8. The new elected PC shall be convened by the member with the highest number of votes no later than one month after the election conference.

b) Election committee for the PC elections

The electoral process shall be organised and supervised by a three-member election committee, proposed and approved by the Conference. The election committee organises the practical aspects of the voting process, ensures the proper conduct of the procedure and draws up the minutes of the results of the secret ballot.

c) Coordinator

The PC at its first meeting appoints one of its members as coordinator.

The coordinator shall ensure the operation of the PC. The coordinator shall set the agenda and keep the minutes of the PC meetings and shall ensure the communication with the members of the network.

d) Role of the Permanent Committee (PC)

The PC shall ensure the proper functioning of the network. In particular through:

- Launching discussion on subject of the annual Conference or other actions such training, meetings etc.
- Supporting the coordinator and the host city organization to prepare the annual conference;
- Keeping ECTUN members informed on a regular basis about plans and activities;
- Conducting consultation on actions with all ECTUN members.

e) Tasks of the PC members

- Participation in the PC meetings is obligatory for all PC members.
- The maximum number of absences for a member of the PC shall be three (3). Subsequently, this member will be replaced.

f) Withdrawal of a PC member

In case that a member of the PC resigns for any reason, the PC may select an alternate, but any decision would need to be ratified by the next Conference.

Dissolution of ECTUN

Article 7:

Dissolution of ECTUN shall be by decision of the Conference especially convened for that purpose. Such a decision shall require a three quarters majority of delegates to the Conference.

Authoritative text

Article 8:

In the case of a conflict in meaning between different language versions of the text of the Constitution, the English text shall prevail.

Transitional provision

these statutes come into force immediately and therefore the next Conference in 2024 will be elective.