

## Resolution on the youth mobilizations for the climate

Thousands of young people have been demonstrating and going on strike for months in high schools and universities throughout Europe calling for the declaration of State of Climate Emergency. They have also been raising awareness on the gravity of the ongoing climate change as well as on the measures that must be adopted immediately to stop it.

The way forward towards sustainable development is at the heart of these mobilizations that the ETUC Youth Committee have fully endorsed. They call for the immediate adoption of public policies aimed at curbing climate change before it's too late in full respect of the principle of just transition, in which workers are not left behind in the transition to green economy. As the promoters of the movement have expressed, "we have enough resources as to prevent global warming from exceeding 1.5° C, but an unprecedented effort is needed. If the increase in temperature does not slow down, the consequences for people, fauna and flora will be irreparable. This is a task to undertake now or never".

Climate change is already increasing inequalities in society and vulnerability of workers. Trade unions have a vital role to play to choose a pathway for zero-carbon future. The ETUC Youth Committee acknowledges that this transition towards a model which is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable represents a path of no return. The problem derived from the evident consequences of climate change is activating a social response in which the youth leadership is being outstanding. The trade union movement will lead this transition in the world of work.

We urge national and European policy makers to take bigger steps in stopping dangerous economies and promote and support the creation of green jobs and circular economy.

At European level, trade union organizations are committed to the need to address and boost the precise actions needed through social and institutional dialogue and at company level. The ETUC and the ETUC Youth Committee are aligned with these objectives, as reflected by the ETUC Congress documents and the document recently adopted "The Future of Youth" and it takes on the importance of guaranteeing a just transition towards a sustainable model which is fair for workers and territories, and that is governed democratically.

In this context, the ETUC Youth Committee expresses its absolute support for the actions that are already being carried out in many of our countries every Friday, as well as the global mobilization which has been called on for September 27. It is the planet that is at stake, along with the jobs, and the life and working conditions of present and future generations. There are no jobs on a dead planet. We must act together to save both!

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