



## EU development policies TUDCN activities 2015-2016

- **Emphasis of decent work and social dialogue in EU Council conclusions on Post-2015:** The Council conclusions mention that *“Full and productive employment and decent work, including implementation of labour standards guided by, amongst others, ILO conventions and recommendations, are key to addressing inequality and social exclusion. (...) The right of social partners to freely negotiate and conclude collective agreements is essential. Social dialogue is crucial to strengthen democracy and to enhance transparency.”* [More information](#).
- **TUDCN at the 2015 European Development Days:** The ILO Office for the EU and the Benelux and TUDCN organised a Lab debate on the theme of “Decent work as a driver for development through social dialogue”, with Wellington Chibebe, Deputy General Secretary, ITUC as speaker. [More information](#). Chibebe also spoke at the Debate Lab “Transformed economies, better jobs, shared wealth. Can we do it?”. TUDCN’s Paola Simonetti spoke at the Brainstorming Lab “Multi-stakeholder partnerships for inclusive development and the post-2015 agenda”. [More information](#).
- **TUDCN curated the social media accounts of the 2015 European Year on Development (EYD2015).** This gave visibility to EYD2015’s June 2015 EYD2015’s theme, decent work, and to the role of Trade Unions as actors of development cooperation. [More information](#).
- **TUDCN at EESC conference “Sustainable Development Goals: Implementation in Europe”.** Paola Simonetti, TUDCN Coordinator, spoke at the event “Sustainable Development Goals: Implementation in Europe”, organised by the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels, on 12 November 2015. Simonetti stressed the engagement of trade unions in the post-2015 process and offered valuable examples of decent work mechanisms to implement 2030 Agenda, particularly social dialogue and collective bargaining. [More information](#).
- **TUDCN at the “Decent Work for ALL European Round Table”.** TUDCN’s Joan Lanfranco spoke at this roundtable in the framework of a Brussels study visit of the EU-funded project “Multiplying Decent Work – Decent life!”, together with EP Vice-President Ulrike Lunacek. [More information](#).
- **Trade union contribution to the EU consultation “Towards a new partnership between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries after 2010”:** [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/contributions-cso-post-cotonou-ituc-30122015\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sites/devco/files/contributions-cso-post-cotonou-ituc-30122015_en.pdf)
- **New TUDCN brochure** “Trade unions as actors of development education and awareness raising for global solidarity”. [More information](#).
- **Trade unions at the 4<sup>th</sup> Global meeting of the EU Policy Forum on Development.** Main topics discussed were the revision of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement, Global Influence – how to collectively influence the new global agenda, Enabling Environments for a new global agenda and the Review of the EU Development Policy. Marita González (CGT Argentina), Anne Cécile Coly (UNASAS, Senegal) and Gemma Arpaia (ISCOS-CISL, Italy) were amongst trade union speakers in different panels. [More information](#).
- **Trade unions at the EU CSO Forum 2016.** Notable talks included ‘Funding for Civil Society and Human Rights: Up or Down?’, ‘the future of EU-ACP relations: what role for non-state actors?’, ‘GSP+ and free trade agreements: CSO participation in EU trade instruments’. TUDCN’s Diego López González spoke at the panel ‘Measuring the enabling environment: synergies and challenges’. [More information](#).