

## GOOD JOBS IN A STRONG & GREEN ECONOMY

Workers & the working class must be at the centre of a new EU

# 16 POINTS FOR THE EU TO DELIVER

1. **Just Transition (green & digital):** “Nobody left behind”. Maximise social returns on this type of investment by embedding markets in a culture to follow social concerns.
2. **Fair salaries for decent lives (salary or conflict):** “No more working poor!!”
3. **Empowered European Social Dialogue** with a balance of power granted, so workers’ representatives can effectively negotiate beneficial terms for workers.
4. **The right to European actions/strikes** has to become a fundamental axis towards an EU collective bargaining and a people’s oriented EU, where social rights must be at the centre of a new European Social Dialogue and the foundation of European Works Councils.
5. **Combating abusive practices and social dumping:** introduction of joint and several liability in subcontracting chains; introduction of a legal obligation to make companies’ compliance with applicable collective bargaining agreements and/or labour law a mandatory award criterion in public procurements; implementation across the EU of ILO Convention No 81 on labour inspectorates.
6. **Anticipation to change:** re/up skilling of workers. High social development (in the shape of skills, job security and wages) has to be at the centre of an empowered EU autonomy with a position of relative strength, while building a multilateral global economic scenario.
7. **Fair taxation:** achieving a more effective EU fiscal co-operation and fiscal solidarity is a must, together with a more stringent control of the public money given to enterprise, chiefly aimed at redistributing the risks inherent to the current economic turmoil, dispersing it away from citizens and workers.
8. **Migrant workers welcome on equal terms & conditions:** they must be guaranteed the right to work under the legal conditions of the country where they perform the work.
9. **An EU push to publicly owned key companies:** (energy, health systems, transport, food..) with the purpose of both reducing existing quasi-monopolistic practices and spreading a scenario where states can regain a balance of power to benefit workers and citizens facing the growing power of private corporations and investment funds.
10. **Mitigate competition’s undesired effects** by avoiding social dumping, bogus self-employment, outsourcing and race to the bottom of salaries (maintain and enhance workers’ rights is more necessary than ever).
11. **A fair and inclusive European welfare system** that provides broad and well-organised access to sickness and unemployment benefits, combining social protection and social investments.
12. **Mandatory sectoral agreements negotiated by country:** in a new peoples’ EU, there cannot be room left for anti-union practices and therefore collective bargaining must be protected at the highest possible levels.
13. **Tackling violence and harassment against women everywhere, also at work:** many women are affected in one way or another by violence and harassment because of their employment status, the type of work they carry out, or because of the conditions in the sector they work in. Just and fair policies and practices have to be implemented to eradicate this scourge.
14. **Improving working conditions in platform work:** those working in the platform economy are workers too! Workers’ rights are not negotiable!!! All forms of collective representation must be guaranteed in such way that platform workers find the most appropriate way to union recognition.
15. **Fair pension systems across the EU** to support retired people: put an end to longer working years and favour the stabilisation of a general working time reduction.
16. **The EU need to deliver a Social Progress Protocol** giving priority to workers’ and social rights over economic freedoms that channels the future frame towards an EU of the Peoples.

All the above requests are necessary, but first and foremost **peace** is needed in order to deliver the positive effects of any of them. The TUNE calls on the EU to open all channels for diplomacy and facilitate an immediate round of peace talks. No war brings a better world. Dialogue and understanding do.