



TOGETHER FOR A FAIR DEAL FOR WORKERS

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Dear Ambassador,

The 8th of March, International Women's Day, is fast approaching.

The 8th of March is a day of feminist struggle: A struggle for voting rights, for equal pay, for a better deal at work for all women workers. It is a day of collective action, on which women across the world take the streets and demand progress.

Yet, the struggle for gender equality has to be fought every day of the year, with an unbroken commitment toward progress.

Three months from now, from June 6 – June 9, women workers across the EU will cast their ballots for the European Elections.

Women have a lot to lose in this election, as the far right's strategy of dismantling women's rights is already well underway. This is why the ETUC's message is clear:

Vote for progress, not the backlash.

A vote for progress means a vote for equal pay. For safe workplaces. For the protection of fundamental rights. For quality jobs. For investment in public services.

You have a crucial role to play in delivering these priorities in the upcoming legislative term – in particular as some key initiatives, such as the Directive combatting violence against women and domestic violence, did not reach their full potential towards delivering transformative and sustainable change for women workers.

Whatever words you chose for the upcoming 8th of March, we will need you to put them into action. Rest assured that the European Trade Union movement will continue to fight for a progressive European Union that puts gender equality at its heart.

Kind regards,

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