



ACV building & construction - industry & energy | Trierstraat 31 | 1040 Brussels

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**27 to 29 November 2015, ACV-CSC building - industry & energy is organizing a follow-up training weekend for young trade unionists from the construction industry. Meeting and exchanges between young builders and young trade unionists from Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Greece, Spain, Central and Eastern Europe and Scandinavia.**

### ? WHY

In the run-up to the European elections of May 2014 ACV-CSC BIE organized a first action and training weekend for young shop stewards. To be continued and expanded!

**To be continued!** Because we want to continue to invest in a strong, young and dynamic European trade union movement, from the bottom up. Last year we were 50 participants. Active participation and a constructive atmosphere towards better common understanding and common goals. Through debate, action and fun .

**Expansion!** Because we want to bring together young trade union members from all regions of Europe. Because we intend to speak out, with one single young European trade union voice, AGAINST the present neo-liberal policy of social dismantling. IN FAVOUR OF good jobs and decent work for everyone, IN FAVOUR OF a social Europe - and, consequently, IN FAVOUR OF a strong, young and dynamic European trade union movement.

### ? WHAT

During the three days we want to work intensively around themes that concern young trade union members today. Celebrating our differences, in search of the similarities.

**No** lectures. **But:** lively debates, interactive workshops, actions and teambuilding activities; Working towards joint proposals and towards a refreshing and inspiring European trade union perspective.

On **Friday 27 November** we start at noon with lunch. In the afternoon we kick off with explaining the rules of the game. Then we give the floor to a number of key note speakers as an introduction to the essential topics.

In the late afternoon we set off for the heart of the Belgian Ardennes, heading to our holiday centre, Ol Fosse d'Outh in Houffalize (<http://www.vayamundoclubs.be/ardennen/index.php>).

After dinner we then organize a social and cultural evening. Everyone brings a typical local product to share. Also bring trade-union related souvenirs to exchange with your colleagues.

On **Saturday 28 November** we break up in small working groups to discuss 5 hot issues. We try to find common ground and a constructive approach on how to work with them.

- 1/ social dumping,
- 2/ racism,
- 3/ climate action,
- 4/ youth organizing and
- 5/ Greece and austerity.

We work on a joint statement and a joint banner for the Climate Change Demonstration. We try to conclude in a straight forward and meaningful way.

After a long, intensive day, and after dinner, it's time for our famous "Fiesta Syndical". Here you can intensify contacts and shape new plans.



On **Sunday 29 November** we go to Paris for the big Demonstration against Climate Change. Trade unions and NGOs take to the streets to call for an ambitious climate agreement.

## ? HOW

We have tried to put together a programme with a mix of debates and activities, intense contacts and possibilities to share experiences on a more informal basis. The ideal opportunity to get to know better your trade union colleagues from other European countries.

The working languages for the two days are Dutch, French, English, German and Italian.

Interested? Sign up via your trade union; they will attend the formalities. Registrations must be made before 15 September.

In order to share some of the organization costs and in a spirit of mutual solidarity we request a nominal admission sum of 150 EUR/participant.\*

We ask the various trade unions to appoint 1 leader per group. That person will be responsible for ensuring correct enrolment, coordination of transport, allocation of rooms and further preparation of the contents of the programme.

Please indicate very precisely how you propose to travel to Brussels (train/car/plane). The programme starts Friday 27 November around noon. **Attention please! For practical reasons we advise you to plan your return journey out of Paris, after the demonstration.** The precise timing of the demonstration is not yet known. We shall inform you as soon as we know this. We suggest you order the return ticket when we know the exact timing.

In annex please find the registration form.

Any more questions? Do not hesitate to contact us.

with fraternal European greetings

Tom Deleu  
International Secretariat

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\* *Included in the price: lunch Brussels (27/11), bus Brussels > Houffalize (27/11), dinner and overnight stay in Houffalize (27/11), organization of workshops + all meals + overnight stay in Houffalize (28/11), breakfast in Houffalize (29/11), bus Houffalize > Paris (29/11). Exemption from payment may be applied for in accordance with existing EFBWW/BWI rules.*