

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOR SOCIAL EUROPE

MANIFESTO OF CEYTUN



The 5th CEYTUN conference, which was held in Vienna, referred to the demands of young trade unionists in order to renew the vision of a functioning European social model. During the conference participants discussed with European leaders and experts about social Europe that has to be an important element in European politics. We need an economy which serves the people and guarantees decent work and decent life for all citizens in the European Union.

Since 2008 we are experiencing an economic and financial crisis in Europe. This crisis created economic recession, growing unemployment, new inequalities, and higher risk of poverty causing even greater migration of people. The current Europe is divided into wealthy and poorer member states and thus new discriminatory elements have been created. Many people, especially youth try to solve their existential problems by looking for an opportunity to work for a better life in other member states.

The migration of citizens can bring benefits to both sides, the countries where they come from and where they are going to. Therefore migration can't be perceived as negative matter if its processes are fair and employers don't use migrants as a cheap workforce.

Members of CEYTUN demand to follow labour standards to avoid abusing social systems, to stop wage and social dumping, prevent misusing of people and maintain equity. Only if these requirements are fulfilled migration can work as a positive instrument of labour policy.

Therefore we claim that coordination and communication of all trade unions over Europe should be based on international solidarity, between the countries and unionists.

All essential elements such as individual freedom, social dialogue, opportunities and social protection should be equal for all workers in the European labour market.

CEYTUN - Central European Youth Trade Union Network - is a platform of over fifty young trade unionist from six Central and Eastern European countries. We want to create long-term relationships in order to advance cooperation of young trade unionists in Europe.

With members from Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria and Germany we act and discuss issues which concern Europe's youth.