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EUROPE NEEDS A RADICAL CHANGE OF COURSE
THE ETUC PROPOSES A SOCIAL COMPACT FOR EUROPE
27 June 2012 at 14:00**

On the eve of a European Summit crucial for the future, not only of millions of Europeans but also of the Union itself, European trade union leaders will be in Brussels to meet the leaders participating in the Summit. They will express workers' expectations and present the Social Compact for Europe, adopted unanimously by European trade unions on 5 June. Given the urgency of the situation, the Social Compact for Europe puts the social dimension back at the heart of the debate and proposes another vision for Europe: one of solidarity rather than one of social regression and deregulation.

Europe is at a crossroads. It can choose between two models: austerity or sustainable growth; A Europe of cooperation or a Europe of competition that threatens jobs, social protection and democracy.

It is urgent that we change course and launch a debate for a Europe of solidarity and social progress.

The speakers will be:

- **Bernadette Ségol, ETUC General Secretary;**
- **Ignacio Fernández Toxo, ETUC President and General Secretary of Spain's Workers' Commissions (CC.OO);**
- **François Chérèque, General Secretary of the French Democratic Confederation of Labour (CFDT);**
- **Yannis Panagoupoulos, President of the Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE);**
- **David Begg, General Secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) ;**
- **Anne Demelenne, General Secretary of the General Labour Federation of Belgium (FGTB);**
- **Danilo Barbi, Confederal Secretary of the Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL).**

You will also have a chance to meet other European trade union leaders who will be on hand for the press conference.

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