



Ended: The long lasting strike of employees in education in Serbia

After the employees in primary and secondary schools in Serbia had been almost three months on strike, an Agreement has been struck between the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development and two teacher unions, the Teacher Union of Serbia (TUS) and Nezavisnost (NTTU), who are representative for the sector and members of ETUCE/Education International. The Agreement of Solving Disputes and Collective Agreement for Primary and Secondary Schools and Students' Dormitories is also to be signed by two other unions that participated in the strike, following the decision of their boards foreseen for 18 February 2015 on the day of re-opening of schools. >>>



Macedonia: Strike ended and negotiations started

The weeklong strike in Macedonia has ended. SONK has called off the strike as the Education Ministry has promised not to implement the monetary punishment of teachers if they failed the external evaluation. This was a main demand and was discussed in the meeting last week between European Director Martin Rømer and the Education Minister. Since then communication have been in place and SONK and ETUCE insisted that this element in the new laws on education should be removed. >>>



Negotiations of the Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership resume in Brussels for the 8th round of negotiation

The 8th round of Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations took place from 2 to 6 February 2015 in Brussels. This is the first round of negotiations after the so-called fresh start of the TTIP negotiations, in which the EU and the US reaffirmed their commitment to the negotiations. On 4 February 2015, ETUCE participated in the two stakeholder events organised by the European Commission. During the TTIP stakeholder presentation event, ETUCE demanded to explicitly carve-out education from the negotiations as have been done for the audio-visual sector based on the public interest in preserving and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity. >>>

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