



EFFAT

# 4<sup>th</sup> EFFAT Congress 20-21 November 2014, Vienna

## Together for decent work and fair pay

Brussels, 8 March 2014

- To all EFFAT member organisations
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**Re: INVITATION to the 4<sup>th</sup> EFFAT Congress  
Vienna, 20-21 November 2014**

Dear Colleagues,

We hereby cordially invite you to the 4<sup>th</sup> EFFAT Congress that will be held on 20 and 21 November 2014 in Vienna.

The Congress is marked by the greatest economic and financial crisis in Europe after the war, with catastrophic effects on the living and working conditions of its citizens. Caused by banks that cashed up their clients and gambled their savings, received State aid and still refused loans to companies, workers had to bear the consequences of a policy that the politicians are responsible for with their neoliberal deregulation policy.

Against this political backdrop, it will be the task of the Congress to take the necessary decisions for our trade union work for the next 5 years. Therefore, we count on the participation of **all** our member organizations in this central and important event of EFFAT.

You will find the draft agenda and the timetable in **Annexes 1 and 2**.

Also this time we are inviting you to two events that take place before the Congress:

- a 2-day conference on 18 and 19 November 2014, in particular for the Congress delegates of our member organisations in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe
- a 1-day Women's Conference on 19 November 2014, in particular for female Congress delegates

For both events, we will send you separate invitations.

Both events are supported by EU funding, so that we can reimburse participants' travel expenses and part of the Congress and accommodation expenses. For the Congress delegates from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, EFFAT will cover their full travel, Congress and accommodation costs with our solidarity fund.

You will find more details about this in the **Annex 3**.

All events take place in the:

**Venue** Hotel Intercontinental Vienna  
Johannesgasse 28  
AT- 1030 Wien  
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<http://www.vienna.intercontinental.com/>

The workers of the hotel are very well organised by our member organisation VIDA. We have blocked rooms at this hotel. That is why we ask you to send us your registration form for the Congress and the two events no later than **31 July 2014**. We also ask you to consider women and young members when nominating your delegates.

We have succeeded in negotiating with the Intercontinental Hotel in Vienna only a slightly higher price than in 2009 with the Hotel Maritim Arte in Berlin.

We have asked the Commission for interpretation in the following languages:

**Interpretation** Active: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Dutch  
Passive: Danish, Finnish, Portuguese, Hungarian, Polish  
(Interpretation is not yet finally confirmed by the European Commission)

We will also be offering Croatian.

**Time** 20 November 2014 from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.  
21 November 2014 from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

The Congress ends on Friday, 21 November at 5.00 p.m. To assure a proper execution of the Congress, we strongly urge all delegates be present until the closure of the Congress, and to plan the return journey at the earliest for the evening or the next day. Vienna is set in these days already with attractive Christmas markets with a pre-Christmas atmosphere.

Further information and documents will be sent to you in due course.

Sincerely yours

Harald Wiedenhofer  
General Secretary

Bruno Vannoni  
President

**Annexes**