



Brussels, 8 March 2011

- *To those in the ETUC member organisations in charge of the mobilisation of the Euro-demonstration*
- *For information: to the ETUC member organisations*

**Euro-Demonstration – Budapest, Hungary**

**Saturday 9 April at 1330**

**European mobilisation to say:**

‘No to Austerity – For a Social Europe, for fair pay and for jobs’

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, we are only a few weeks away from the major Euro-demonstration to be held in Budapest, Hungary, and we hope that all the ETUC member organisations will be able to be represented so as to support the ETUC’s offensive against the austerity measures in Europe. If it is to be a complete success, the ETUC once again extends an invitation and hopes to see the countries neighbouring Hungary making a particular effort to come to Budapest in large numbers in support of the objective of getting 50,000 demonstrators on to the streets of Budapest.

2011 is proving to be a difficult year in terms of the economic and social crisis, and the trade unions need more than ever to join forces and show solidarity in the struggle against these austerity measures which are unacceptable to workers in Europe. Working together will give us more strength to defend our Social Europe:

*Which is why we need to get thousands of people on to the streets of Budapest on 9 April.*

Let me take this opportunity to give you the following practical information:

- A plan of the route for the demonstration
- A leaflet urging support for the mobilisation

As you know, our friends and colleagues in the six Hungarian trade union confederations are doing their utmost in collaboration with the ETUC to give us the best possible welcome in Budapest, and we also hope that this Euro-demonstration by the ETUC will show both our determination and our ability to parade as usual in a peaceful, good-humoured atmosphere.

For organisational and security reasons, we would ask all the ETUC member organisations to let us know as quickly as possible in writing if they plan to attend (form to be returned).

**Conduct of the trade union day of action in Budapest:**

**Friday 8 April: 1300 – 1400**

Press conference at the Benczúr hotel, with John Monks, ETUC General Secretary, and the six presidents of the Hungarian trade union organisations that are ETUC members.

**Saturday 9 April: 1130 – 1300**

Trade union leaders' room at the Benczúr hotel (Benczúr utca 35, Budapest 1068)

A meeting room will be made available to the national trade union leaders and the European press. Sandwiches, coffee and other refreshments will be available at no charge.

Please note that access to this room will be very strictly controlled, and only the national trade union leaders and the press will be allowed to enter.

A meeting with the Hungarian Prime Minister and an ETUC delegation is still under discussion.

**1200 – 1300**

Gathering and composition of the procession on Heroes Square. A plan showing the composition of the procession by delegation and by country will be sent out to you in the next few days. Composition in the following order: leading square, delegations from the small and medium-sized confederations, followed by the big delegations and the 6 Hungarian organisations.

**1330**

Departure of the demonstration. Duration of the event: approx. 1 hour 15 minutes, covering a distance of about 1.5 km.

A podium will be erected at the end of the route, equipped with a powerful sound system to enable a maximum of demonstrators to hear the various speakers and the musical entertainment.

**1500**

Arrival of the demonstration at Octagon Square.

**1515 – 1600**

Alternating music concert and speeches.

**If you are travelling to Budapest by bus:**

The buses will drop the demonstrators close to the assembly point (see plan). The buses will then pick up the demonstrators at the same spot for the return trip, in other words, demonstrators will be dropped off and picked up in the same place.

At the end of the demonstration, all the demonstrators must walk back to the starting point to catch their buses home (see copy of plan).

To help the people organising the buses, it is very important that each bus visibly displays the following on the front:

- The Euro-demonstration sticker
- The name of the country

If your organisation/region has more than one bus, you must number each bus differently.

Because we are expecting several buses on the day of the demonstration, we would urge you to get to Budapest as early as you can, between 0900 and 1130.

Please follow the instructions issued by the Police and stay calm and good-humoured, so that everything runs smoothly.

**If you are travelling to Budapest by air:**

Some European delegations have chartered special planes and scheduled flights. Please let us know as quickly as possible what time you will be landing in Budapest. We also need to have details about your return flights, because we are going to be organising a shuttle service from the airport to the start of the demonstration, and then back to the airport afterwards.

You will be notified in the next few days of the precise location for the airport shuttle buses.

**Euro-demonstration general order service:**

Order will be ensured by our Hungarian colleagues and they will be present at strategic points along the demonstration route.

They will be wearing fluorescent yellow vests with the ETUC logo. They will be:

- at the airport
- in the room for the trade union leaders and the press
- where the national and international buses arrive
- around the leading square
- where the procession assembles at the start of the demonstration
- in the bus park
- in front of the podium at the end of the demonstration.

**Composition of the leading square of the Euro-demonstration:**

This will be limited to three representatives per ETUC trade union member organisation.

To join the leading square on the day of the demonstration, a badge will be required.

The same applies for access to the podium at the end of the event.

These badges will be distributed on the morning of Saturday 9 April, as from 1130, in the trade union leaders' room(Benczúr hotel).

Please be sure to return the enclosed form quickly to our colleague Jocelyne Jados (email: [jjados@etuc.org](mailto:jjados@etuc.org)) giving the names of the three people who will be representing your trade union organisation in the leading square.

At the head of the demonstration, the trade union leaders will be carrying an ETUC banner with the slogan: **No to Austerity – For a Social Europe, for fair pay and for jobs**

**It is worth knowing that the leading square of the demonstration is protected by an order service which will form a chain in a semi-circle in front of the leaders, and the international media will be allowed in from time to time.**

### **REMINDER OF SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS**

- Radio cars are authorised in the procession if permission is first sought from the ETUC
- Such cars must be in place between 1200 and 1300 for safety reasons
- The organisers accept no liability for any accident within the procession involving one or more of these cars
- Coaches, lorries and other large vehicles cannot join the procession under any circumstances
- The use of fire-crackers is strictly prohibited in the procession (Hungarian law is very strict on this subject and the offence carries a prison sentence!)
- Remember that it is very important for those in charge of each delegation to be on site very early, to be able to guide their colleagues
- It would be a good idea for some militants from your delegation to occupy your organisation's slot in the procession as from 1200
- Make sure that you keep your bus driver's mobile phone number on you
- Don't leave Budapest without doing a head count
- Your delegation's safety representatives must wear armbands so that we can identify them easily
- Please be sure to comply scrupulously with the instructions regarding environmental protection and cleanliness in the city
- Male and female toilets will be available at the start and end of the demonstration
- As with any demonstration, our security services will adopt a friendly, preventive approach, but they will make sure that the security instructions are strictly respected by every one of us.

We are counting on you to ensure that your national delegation is equally representative of women and young people.

Be creative and make our trade union demands in a dynamic and original way, using positive slogans, musical touches, etc. Think about the positive and original image of your participation in the demonstration vis-à-vis the media, who will be attending in large numbers.

To make sure that you only take home happy memories, do be careful on the motorways and follow the highway code and European driving standards for bus drivers, as well as all the instructions we have set in place to facilitate your participation in the ETUC demonstration.

You will be receiving further practical information in the coming days with regard to the composition of the procession and the organisation of the airport shuttles.

Thank you in advance for your good collaboration, and remember you can always contact me by email: [amoreira@etuc.org](mailto:amoreira@etuc.org) or by telephone (landline: +32 2 224 05 83, mobile: +32 475 67 40 67.)

Fraternal greetings,

Antonio Moreira  
Adviser

**Link regarding the route of the demonstration:**

<http://maps.google.hu/maps/ms?hl=hu&gl=hu&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=200029877782405261630.00049d6c48463734ddf4c&t=h&z=15>

**Link to tourist information:**

There are a lot of other sights to visit in Budapest. Check out the **Top 10 Budapest sights** at:

[http://www.budapestinfo.hu/en/things to see/top 10 sights](http://www.budapestinfo.hu/en/things%20to%20see/top%2010%20sights)

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