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SEVILLE - SPAIN



6TH

MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE METAL UNIONS PERMANENT CONFERENCE

GLOBAL CHALLENGES, COMMON RESPONSES: TRADE UNIONS FOR A FAIRER MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE

15 SEPTEMBER 2026

08:30 – 09:00 | REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

OPENING

09:00 – 09:05

Jose Manuel Rodriguez Saucedo
General Secretary UGT FICA Andalusia

09:05 – 09:10

Domingo Castillo Nieto
General Secretary USO Andalusia

09:10 – 09:20

Uysal Altundağ
President of the Turkish Metalworkers Union

09:20 – 09:30

Mariano Hoya
General Secretary UGT FICA

09:30 – 09:45

Mr Jaime D. Peris Pascual
Special Commissioner for Reindustrialisation - Spanish Ministry of Industry and Tourism

09:45 – 11:15 | **WORKSHOP 1**
Macroeconomic and Geopolitical Dynamics
Strategic Alliances in the New Global Order: Building Mediterranean Industrial Autonomy

OPENING SPEAKER:

Enrico Letta
IE University Madrid TBC

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Giorgio Gori ONLINE
Member of the European Parliament

Elisabetta Gualmini ONLINE
Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Ergin DİNÇ
Head of TAEM Research Center of Turkish Metalworkers Union

Ferdinando Uliano
General Secretary FIM-CISL

Kemal Özkan
Assistant General Secretary IndustriALL Global Union

Fernando Luján
Deputy Secretary for Trade Union Policy UGT FICA

MODERATOR:
Alessandro Marchetti
Rai News - Italy

11:15 – 11:45 | Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:45 | **WORKSHOP 2**
Transformation of the Automotive Sector Across the Mediterranean

OPENING SPEAKER:

Francesco Zirpoli
Professor of Economics and Innovation Management at the Venice School of Management, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Jordi Carmona
National Secretary Automotive Sector UGT FICA

Miguel Ratia
National Automotive Sector Responsible USO Industria

Barbaros Oktay
Head of ACEA - Head of Business Unit Bus MAN Truck & Bus SE

Stefano Boschini
National Automotive Sector Responsible Fim-Cisl

Mohamed Sboui
General Secretary of the General Federation of Metalworkers and Electronics Workers FGME-UGTT - Tunisia

MODERATOR: **Rita Querzè**
Corriere della Sera, Italy

13:45 – 15:00 | Light lunch

15:00 – 16:30 | **WORKSHOP 3**
The Human Face of Steel: Implementing “Made in Europe” Through a Just Transition in the Mediterranean

OPENING SPEAKER:

Donato Leone
Responsabile Relazioni istituzionali territoriali Acciaierie d'Italia S.p.A. in A.S.

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Valerio D'Alò
National Secretary Iron and Steel Sector Fim-Cisl

Christele Khelf
Deputy Général Secretary FGMM CFDT in charge of Steel Sector

Raul Cueto
National Secretary Iron and Steel Sector UGT FICA

Ahmet Hakan Arslan
OYAK CHRO | Assistant General Manager, Human Resources and Corporate Culture

MODERATOR: **Luis Millán**
Iron and steel industry sector responsible USO Industria

16:30 – 17:00 | Q&A Session and Closing of the First Day

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09:00 – 10:15 | **WORKSHOP 4**
Beyond borders: Mediterranean trade union confederations together to improve workers' conditions, collective bargaining and fair wages as a driving force for the future of work.

Daniela Fumarola
General Secretary CISL Confederation

Pepe Álvarez Suárez
General Secretary UGT Confederation

Joaquín Pérez da Silva
General Secretary USO Confederation

Eyüp Alemdar
Vice President Türk-İş Confederation

MODERATOR:
Alessandro Marchetti
Rai News - Italy

10:15 – 11:30 | **WORKSHOP 5**
The Human Chain: Forging Union Vigilance through Human Rights Due Diligence in the Mediterranean” Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD)

OPENING SPEAKER:

Isabelle Barthés
Deputy General Secretary IndustriALL Europe

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Paul Ribeiro
Federal Secretary Responsible for the steel industry and International affairs FO Metaux

Jose Antonio Pasadas
Secretary for Collective Bargaining UGT FICA

Kaan EROĞUZ
TAEM Research Center of Turkish Metalworkers Union

MODERATOR: **Ahmed Kamel**
IndustriALL Global Union MENA Regional Secretary

11:30 – 12:00
Claudio Arlati President of SindNova

12:00 – 12:15 | Coffee break

12:15 – 13:00 | **WORKSHOP 6**
The Workforce on the Move: Rights, Integration, and Migration Challenges in Mediterranean Industry

Speaker: **Prof. Maurizio Ambrosini**
Professor of Sociology of Migration at the University of Milan, Italy

13:00 – 13:15 | Q&A

13:15 – 13:25 | FINAL DECLARATION
Yücel Top
Conference Coordinator turkish Metalworkers Union

13:25 – 13:45 | CLOSING REMARKS
Barbara Arsieni
Director of International Affairs Fim-Cisl and Conference Coordinator

13:45 – 14:00 | CLOSING REMARKS
Jose Antonio Pasadas
Secretary for Collective Bargaining UGT FICA

