



EUROPEAN TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION

**EU Social Partners
joint resolution on
SEAFOOD SOCIAL
STANDARDS and
SUPPLY CHAINS**





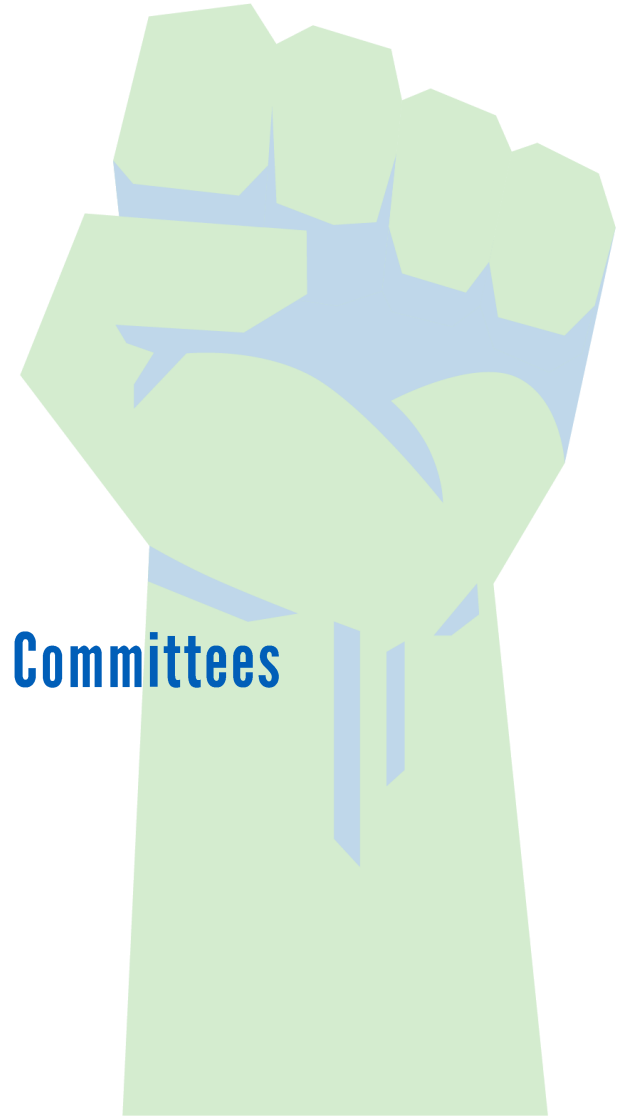
PRESENTATION TODAY

- **The European Transport Workers' Federation**
- **The European Social Dialogue Committee for Sea Fisheries**
- **The Social Partners joint resolution on seafood social standards and supply chains**



WHO WE ARE

- **More than 200 transport and fisheries unions**
- **41 European countries**
- **Over 5 million transport workers**
- **Recognised social partners in 8 Sectoral Social Dialogue Committees**





ALL SECTORS - ALL WORKERS





OUR MISSION

REPRESENT the social & economic interests of transport and fisheries workers

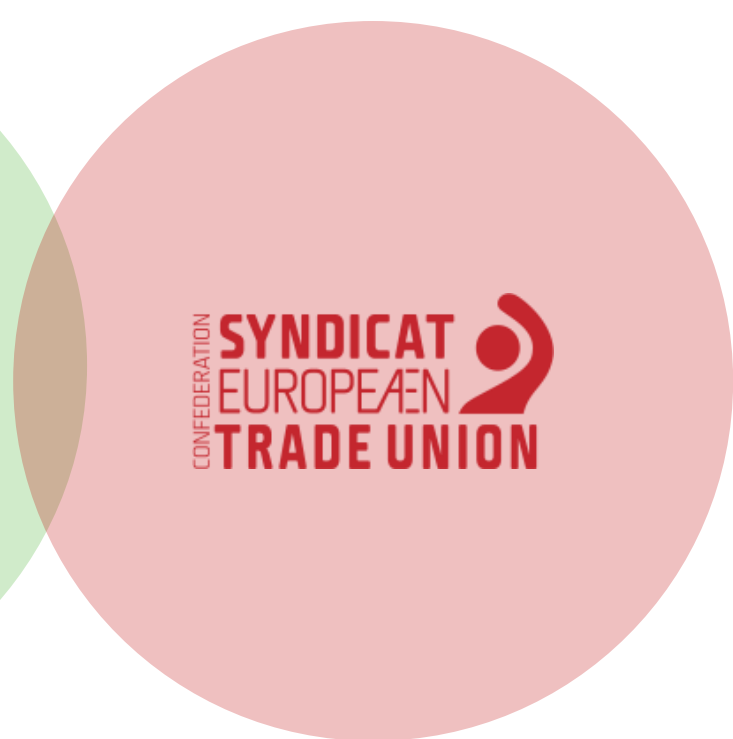
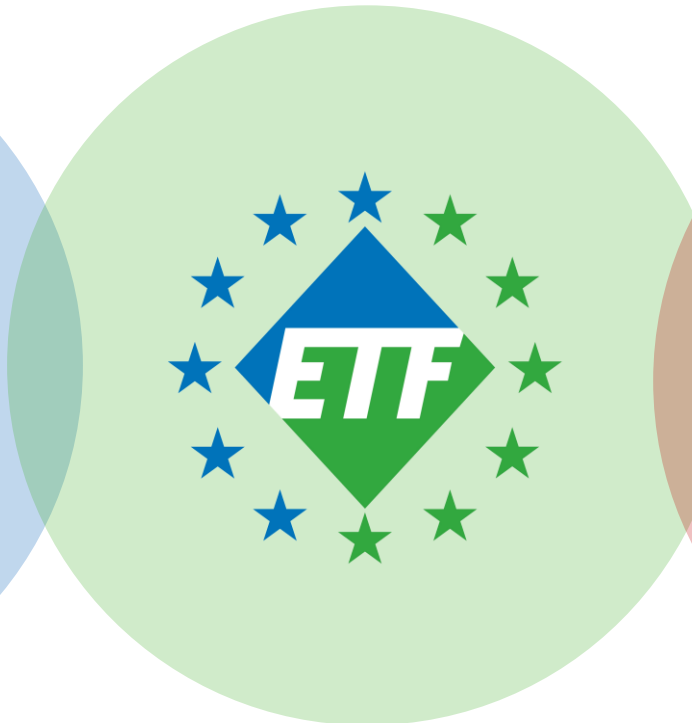
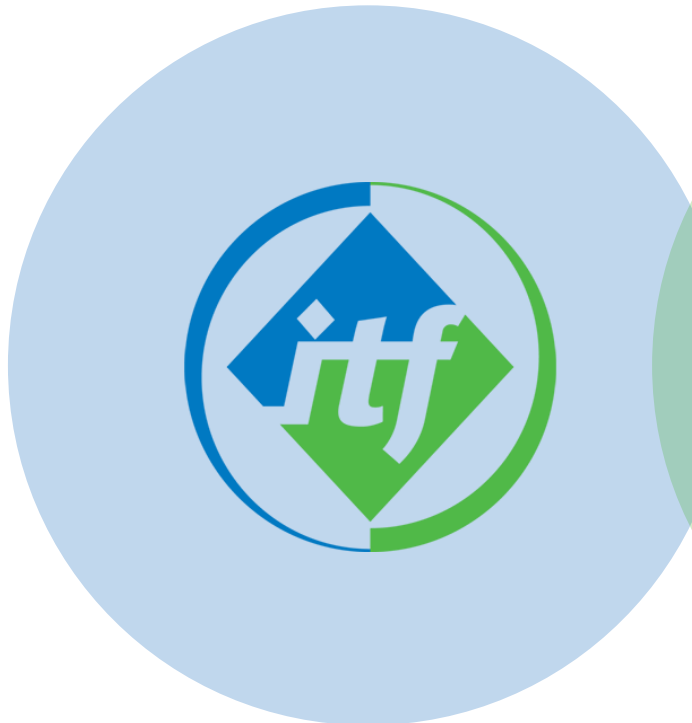
PROMOTE trade union solidarity across borders

DEFEND AND IMPROVE working conditions across all transport modes and fisheries

FIGHT for an European integration that results in progress for workers



ETF IS A MEMBER OF





ETF FISHERIES SECTION

Situation of fisheries workers different from region to region

Demographic challenge

Environmental and social sustainability

Fishers working conditions

Employment of migrant workers

International dimension



EU SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR SEA FISHERIES

European Transport Workers
Federation (ETF)

Europeche

COPA-COGECA



EU SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR SEA FISHERIES

- All three organisations in the SSDC-F consist of representatives from EU MS
- All three parties have a **mandate**
- The SSDC-F holds 3 meetings per year
- For each year a working program is agreed between the organisations
- EU-funded projects to implement the working program



EU SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR SEA FISHERIES

- The SSDC-F can make agreements at Union level on a number of social areas, that the Union may transpose into Union legislation
 - The ILO Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 has been implemented in the entire EU through a social partners agreement between the parties in the SSDC-F
- Other initiatives involve joint
 - resolutions (e.g. on treatment of migrant fishers)
 - letters (on various subjects relating to the social aspects of sea fishing)
 - studies



EU SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR SEA FISHERIES

Recent examples of topics addressed in the Committee:

Promotion of C188 and Directive (EU) 2017/159

Harmonisation of training and certification of fishermen

Fishing capacity (gross tonnage and propulsion power)

Guidelines on decent recruitment of migrant fishermen

Guidelines for medical examination of fishermen

FisherySpeak app

Situation of fisheries in the Mediterranean



EU SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR SEA FISHERIES

**The EU social dialogue is beneficial
for both fishermen and fishing
vessel owners**

**EU's exclusive competence in the
area of fisheries**

**Joint cooperation with EU
international institutions**

Transational approach

Prevention of possible conflicts



Joint Resolution on SEAFOOD SOCIAL STANDARDS and SUPPLY CHAINS

Common ground of social partners

ILO and IMO social and safety standards for fishers

Relevance of concrete and binding standards

Proper consultation and social dialogue

Private labels cannot be relied upon for protection of human rights

Role of minimum standards – role of voluntary schemes



Joint Resolution on SEAFOOD SOCIAL STANDARDS and SUPPLY CHAINS

ILO C188 the main international 'guardian' of labour standards

Full inclusion of internationally agreed labour standards in private labels

Inclusion of social partners – in particular unions – in the process

Solid monitoring and enforcement mechanisms

Private labels and C188

Information to consumers



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THANK YOU!

