Cliquez ici pour taper du texte.

DIALOGUE+ CONFERENCE IN MADRID

Date: October 14 2026
Venue: Madrid (SATSE headquarters, 3rd floor, organization department, Cuesta de Sto. Domingo, 6, Spain) and online (Zoom)
Languages: EN-ES
Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/SbkLYeg2Q2WpnHnew7OV-w

Dear members,

It is our pleasure to invite you to a regional conference in a hybrid form in Madrid (Spain) and online (via Zoom) on Wednesday 14th of October 2026 in the context of CESI's EU co-funded Dialogue+ project on

Strengthening trade union influence in shaping EU's future labour market rules and conditions

The healthcare sector is at the forefront of major transformations affecting labour markets across Europe. Digitalisation, demographic change, workforce shortages, the green transition, and evolving EU competitiveness policies are reshaping the way healthcare services are delivered and how healthcare professionals work. In this context, it is more important than ever that trade unions are equipped to actively influence these developments and ensure that workers' interests remain at the centre of policy decisions.
The DIALOGUE+ project aims to strengthen the capacity of trade unions across Europe to engage effectively in key EU governance processes, including:

- European Social Dialogue;
- The European Semester;
- The implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR).

During this conference, participants will gain insights into the project's main aims and objectives, exchange experiences with colleagues from across Europe that are foreseen as part of the project, and they will discuss how trade unions in the healthcare sector can make use of EU policy instruments to promote quality jobs, fair working conditions, skills development, and socially sustainable labour market reforms. The event is also an opportunity to discuss strategies for ensuring that healthcare workers' voices are heard in national and European policy-making processes.

The event will also provide an opportunity to explore how healthcare trade unions can contribute to the implementation of wider current and upcoming EU initiatives, including the **Quality Jobs Roadmap** and the renewed **European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan**.

Please confirm your participation by registering here.

Provisional draft agenda:

Co-funded by the European Union

1. **09:30 – Opening of the conference**
   Klaus Heeger, Secretary-General of CESI

2. **09:35 – Welcome address: Latest developments concerning healthcare workforce in Spain**
   Laura Villaseñor, President of SATSE

3. **09:50 – EU policy updates: Measures to tackle healthcare workforce shortages, European Parliament report on psychosocial risks at work, the Quality Jobs Act**
   Alicia Homs Ginel, European Parliament (video message)
   Raluca Radescu, Policy Officer, CESI

4. **10:35 – 'DIALOGUE+': the European Semester, and the European Pillar of Social Rights – Tools to improve the healthcare profession and its advocacy?**
   Hendrik Meerkamp, Senior Policy Officer, CESI

5. **10:50 – The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan and the case for its implementation including by trade unions at national level**
   Iris Sibila, Policy Officer, CESI

6. **11:05 – Strengthening workers' voice: SATSE and current regulatory challenges in Spain**
   Paloma Repila, President of the CESI expert commission 'Healthcare Services', SATSE

7. **11:20 – Coffee break**

8. **11:50 – Long-term perspectives on staff shortages in the healthcare sectors in Europe**
   Claudia Peroni, Eurofound

9. **12:15 – Any other business and decision on agenda and date of next meeting**
   Paloma Repila, President of the CESI expert commission 'Healthcare Services', SATSE

12:30 – 13:00 Light lunch foreseen

A series of **optional meetings** advocating for trade union rights and collective bargaining in Spain will take place after 13:00. They will be communicated in due time pending approval.

Co-funded by the European Union